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INTRODUCTION

The Rural Church today faces handicaps and problems which were unknown to the country churches of a half century ago.

The intent of this study is to take a close look at Methodism in West Virginia.

Herein are presented the statistical data gathered in the study of the churches and ministers of the West Virginia Conference. While these data in and of themselves are interesting to the statistician and researcher, unless they aid in plan-making for strengthening the work of the churches in the Conference much of the effort and time has been wasted.

This study is presented in five chapters. The first chapter consists of an historical statement as to how and why the West Virginia Conference came into existence.

The second chapter deals with some of the population characteristics of the people of West Virginia.

The third chapter provides vital statistics in regard to the West Virginia Conference. From this chapter one can obtain at a glance information that otherwise would take many hours to compute.

The fourth chapter provides a district-by-district account of the vital statistics of the Conference.

In the last chapter a selected portion of the vital statistics which have been compiled is interpreted and evaluated.

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CHAPTER I

THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES:

AN HISTORICAL STATEMENT

"All of West Virginia except the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan; Part of Garrett County, Maryland."¹

The question of the worth of individuals has from the very beginning of American Methodism created a great deal of discussion. It was this very question that caused a division within the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the 1844 General Conference, the recognition of Bishop James O. Andrew as a General Superintendent was the main topic of discussion.

Bishop Andrew, through marriage and gifts, had become a slave owner. Under Georgia law, an individual was prohibited to free slaves. The Methodist Discipline has always stated that it was wrong to own slaves. Because of this it would be difficult for him to serve as General Superintendent in various sections of the church. This debate lasted for some time. After much discussion the Conference voted 100 to 68 to suspend Bishop Andrew.

On June 5th, fifty-two delegates from the South, with the exception of the delegate from Illinois, made the following statement:

¹Methodist Church, Doctrines and Discipline (Nashville: Methodist Publishing House, 1964), paragraph 1836.18. Note: Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties are in the Baltimore Conference.

The delegates of the Conference from the slaveholding States take leave to declare to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that the continued agitation on the subject of slavery and abolition in a portion of the Church, the frequent action on that subject in the General Conference, and especially the extra-judicial proceedings against Bishop Andrew, which resulted on Saturday last in the virtual suspension of him from office as Superintendent, must produce a state of things in the South which renders a continuance of the jurisdiction of this General Conference over those Conferences inconsistent with the success of the Ministry in the slaveholding States.²

This statement was referred to a committee. The committee was instructed by the Conference to create a plan for the division of the Church.

Two days later the committee came up with a plan which provided for the division of the assets of the denomination, particularly the property of the Book Concern.

The southern delegates called for the Southern Conferences to meet in Louisville in May, 1845. This was approved. They then quickly elected delegates. Out of the Conference came a new denomination. Below is the resolution that came out of the Conference.

It is right, expedient, and necessary to erect the Annual Conferences represented in this Convention into a distinct ecclesiastical connection, separate from the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as at present constituted, and accordingly we do solemnly declare the jurisdiction of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church entirely dissolved, and that said Annual Conferences shall be, and hereby are, constituted a separate ecclesiastical connection under the provisional Plan of Separation to be known by the style and title of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.³

²Proceedings of the General Conference, Pittsburgh Christian Advocate (June 12, 1844).

³James Monroe Buckley, A History of Methodism in the United States (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1898), II, 109 ff.

The first General Conference of this new Conference was held in Petersburg, Virginia, in May, 1846. Bishop Andrew and Soule became a part of the Southern Church.

The Southern Methodist Church at its beginning was composed of thirteen Annual Conferences. They had 1,519 traveling preachers, and about 459,569 members. Nearly 124,961 of the members were Negroes.

Twenty-three Conferences remained in the Methodist Episcopal Church. They held a General Conference in 1848. The Conference did not accept the declaration of separation. It refused to divide the assets of the Book Concern, and would not receive the fraternal delegate from the Southern General Conference.

The property issue had to be resolved by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled that the Plan of Separation was valid. It ordered that the Southern Church share the assets of the Book Concern.

There were no fraternal relations between the two General Conferences until 1874. This initiative was made by the Northern Church.

Western Virginia showed great sympathy for the southern position on slavery. When this controversy was resolved in the General Conference of 1844, the Kanawha District which bordered the Ohio River and the state of Kentucky, became a sore spot.

The area originally was included in the Ohio District of the Western Conference. The Western Conference was divided in 1812, and it became a part of the Kentucky District of the Ohio Conference.

The new Kentucky Conference in 1821 records Kanawha as one of five Districts of that Conference.

Later, when the Pittsburgh Conference was formed in 1825, the

Kanawha District was transferred from Kentucky to the Ohio Conference. It remained in that Conference until 1848.

In 1845, the people in the Parkersburg Station, an appointment of the Kanawha District, would not accept the minister sent to them by the Ohio Conference.

In 1846, two sets of preachers and two presiding elders were named for the appointments of the Kanawha District--one set from the Ohio Conference, and the other from the Kentucky Conference.

The Kentucky Conference stated that the vote of the congregation had authorized the taking over of the District. The Ohio Conference held that a single congregation and District had no privilege of choice.

The Kentucky Conference adhered to the Methodist Church, South, in the division of the Church. The Ohio Conference adhered North.

This contention reached high quarters in the Church, and was one of the main instances of violation of the Plan of Separation by the southern Church, cited by the Northern General Conference of 1848 as invalidating the Plan.

At the General Conference of 1847, in Pittsburgh, a proposal was presented to divide the Conference and set off a Western Virginia Conference. This was voted down.

At that time all the Clarksburg District, and part of the Wheeling and Morgantown District of the Pittsburgh Conference, lay in Western Virginia.

During the ensuing year it was evident that some action was required if the unity of Methodism in Western Virginia was to be preserved. This was not only true in regard to the Kanawha District, but

all of Methodism in the region. The following statement by the senior pastor of the Marion Circuit, written in April, 1848, reflects this mood.

A major cause which has contributed toward holding certain portions of our Conference in Western Virginia in peace and union with us, is the fact that we had reason to believe that our approaching General Conference would set Western Virginia off into an Annual Conference. Western Virginia will never show its ability to do good until our Church, in its territory, is thrown upon her own wisdom and resources. Let this be done and our preachers will all be citizens, and the noise about abolitionists will cease. A preacher identified with the people will be viewed with less suspicion as to abolitionism, and can more freely and effectively reprove the abuses of slavery, than one coming from a free and distant State.

It may be thought that the General Conference can take no action in the case, since the Annual Conference has acted adversely to a division. But, giving the boundaries of the Conference, let it be entered (provided that the Bishops be permitted, with the consent of said Conference, to set up a new Conference in Western Virginia). We must do this work, or the South will do it for us. There must be a Western Virginia Conference.⁴

The General Conference Committee on Boundaries gave careful consideration to this matter, and made provisions for setting up a Western Virginia Conference to include all of Virginia west of the Shenandoah range. Bishop L. L. Hamline presided over the joint session of the Pittsburgh and Western Virginia Conferences.

This joint session was held in Wheeling, West Virginia. The Ohio Conference in which the Kanawha District was being taken did not meet until September 27th. The reports of that District are included in the Pittsburgh Conference in 1848.

In the division, the churches in the city of Wheeling remained

⁴B. F. Sedwick, letter concerning Western Virginia, Pittsburgh Christian Advocate (May 10, 1848).

in the Pittsburgh Conference until 1852. The appointments in 1848 gave to the New Western Virginia Conference three Districts: Clarksburg, Kanawha, and Morgantown. The Districts remaining in the Pittsburgh Conference were: Allegheny, Barnesville, Beaver, Cambridge, Pittsburgh, Steubenville, Uniontown, and Wheeling. Statistically, the division effected the following changes:⁵

Charges Preachers Members

Transferred from Pittsburgh to			
Western Virginia	25	34	8,521
Transferred from Ohio to Western Virginia	12	17	4,114
Total of New Western Virginia Conference	37	51	12,633
Remaining in the Pittsburgh Conference	95	95	30,614

At the twenty-first session of the Pittsburgh Conference, held at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in 1854, the Western Virginia Conference set off from Pittsburgh.

The importance of the establishment of the Western Virginia Conference was evaluated by Charles W. Smith, writing as editor of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate in 1891:

When the crash of a slaveholders rebellion broke upon the country in 1861, the majority of the people of Western Virginia stood true as steel to the old flag. The great body of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by far the largest and most influential Church in the State, were as firm as a rock. Though in a slave State, their Church relations were with the North, their literature had come from the free States, and they could not be moved. The people refused to be dragged into secession by the eastern part of the State, and out of the State, and out of the throes of the Civil War came the new and loyal State of West Virginia.

Had it not been for the adherence of the Methodism of Western Virginia to the Northern Church in 1844-1848, and the consequent leavening of the people by the preachers and literature in the liberty-loving sentiment of the North, the story of that State, from 1861 to 1865, would have been vastly different. These influences

⁵Statistics from Methodist Episcopal Church, Minutes of the Annual Conferences (1848).

saved that part of the State of the Union. They had much to do with making it what it was and is. The full measure of these truths will never be written or known. Moreover, the world will never know what it cost the Methodist fathers and mothers in the Ministry and Laity in endurance and toil to bring these things to pass.⁶

⁶Charles W. Smith, Editorial in West Virginia Conference Historical Supplement, Pittsburgh Christian Advocate (February 19, 1891).

CHAPTER II

THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PEOPLE OF WEST VIRGINIA

This chapter of the study will present data dealing with general characteristics of the population of West Virginia.

Number of Inhabitants. At the time of the 1950 United States census, West Virginia reported a population of 2,005,552. The number of residents approximately doubled during the period 1900-1950. As the following table indicates, there has been a decrease in population during the decade 1950-1960 with a net loss of -7.2 per cent.*

<u>West Virginia Population</u>			<u>United States Population</u>		
Year	Number	Per cent Increase	Year	Number	Per cent Increase
1960	1,860,421	(-7.2)	1960	179,323,175	18.5
1950	2,005,000	5.4	1950	151,325,798	14.5
1940	1,901,974	10.0	1940	132,164,569	7.3
1930	1,729,205	18.1	1930	123,202,624	16.2
1920	1,463,701	19.9	1920	106,021,537	15.0
1910	1,221,119	27.4	1910	92,228,496	21.0
1900	958,800	25.7	1900	76,212,168	21.0

The population of the State of West Virginia grew rather consistently with the population of the United States during the years 1900-1940.

The 1960 United States Census shows an increase in population growth in the United States as a whole, and a decrease in the population of the State of West Virginia.

Age-Sex Distribution. The following table shows the age-sex distribution of the population of West Virginia, 1960. Women slightly out-

*Note: All statistical information in this chapter is taken from the 1960 U.S. Census Reports.

number the men in the State as a whole. In the 1950 census, the men outnumbered the women in the State as a whole.

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
Under 5 years	99,976	Under 5 years	96,319
5-9	101,781	5-9	98,095
10-14	102,862	10-14	99,445
15-19	78,033	15-19	78,421
20-24	49,255	20-24	55,927
25-29	46,577	25-29	53,514
30-34	55,046	30-34	61,612
35-39	58,429	35-39	64,102
40-44	55,760	40-44	60,444
45-49	55,158	45-49	57,013
50-54	49,186	50-54	50,274
55-59	42,532	55-59	44,247
60-64	36,462	60-64	37,435
65-69	30,988	65-69	31,801
70-74	23,956	70-74	24,711
75-79	16,404	75-79	17,379
80-84	8,198	80-84	9,204
85+	4,432	85+	5,443
Total	915,035	Total	945,386

Urbanized Areas. There were in 1960 four urban areas in West Virginia with a population of more than 50,000. However, three of these were part of an urbanized area which crossed state lines. The following table gives the population of these areas:

<u>Urbanized Areas</u>	<u>Total Population of Urbanized Areas</u>	<u>Distribution of Population Of Urbanized Areas</u>	
Charleston (W.Va.)	169,500	Charleston City	85,796
		Outside central city limits	83,704
Huntington-Ashland (W.Va., Ky., Ohio)	165,732	In central cities	114,910
		Huntington city	83,627
		Ashland city	31,283
		Outside central cities	50,822
		Total in West Virginia	92,744
		Total in Ohio	24,897
		Total in Kentucky	48,091
Steubenville-Weirton (Ohio, W.Va.)	80,717	In central cities	60,696
		Steubenville city	32,495
		Weirton city	28,201

Table (continued)

		Outside central cities	20,021
		Total in West Virginia	34,298
		Total in Ohio	46,419
Wheeling	98,951	Wheeling city	53,400
(W.Va., Ohio)		Outside central city	45,551
		Total in West Virginia	65,480
		Total in Ohio	33,471

Population of Urban Places. The following table presents the 1960 population for urban places of 10,000 or more. In the 1950 census report, Dunbar and St. Albans were not listed among places of 10,000 or more.

<u>Places</u>	<u>1960 Population</u>
Beckley	18,642
Bluefield	19,256
Charleston	85,796
Clarksburg	28,112
*Dunbar	11,006
Fairmont	27,477
Huntington	83,627
Martinsburg	15,179
Morgantown	22,487
Moundville	15,163
Parkersburg	44,797
*St. Albans	15,103
South Charleston	19,180
Weirton	28,201
Wheeling	53,400

Median Age. The median age of the population is lowest among the rural farm group and highest among the urban dwellers. The non-white has a slightly higher median age than whites among the rural non-farm groups and the state as a whole. The median is the middle case; a median of 28.6 years means that half of the persons are older and half younger than 28.6 years.

Note: Dunbar increased from 8,032 in 1950 to 11,006 in 1960. St. Albans increased from 9,870 in 1950 to 15,103 in 1960.

	<u>White</u>	<u>Non-White</u>
The State	28.6	29.2
Urban	31.9	32.8
Rural Farm	30.8	23.2
Rural Non-Farm	25.4	25.9

Racial Composition. The vast majority of the residents of West Virginia are native-born whites. Foreign-born whites and non-whites constitute a relatively small proportion of the total population.

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Native White	1,746,481	94.4
Foreign-Born White	23,483	1.2
Non-White	90,457	4.4
Total	1,860,421	100.0

The majority of the foreign-born whites are urban dwellers, while almost all others in this group are classified as rural non-farm. The majority of non-whites are listed as rural non-farm with the rest reported living in urban areas.

Rural-Urban Population Distribution. Approximately one-third of the inhabitants are classified as urban. However, as the following table indicates, the rural non-farm population makes up more than nearly two-thirds of the rural group and more than one-half of the entire population.

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Urban	711,101	38.2
Rural Farm	120,938	6.6
Rural Non-Farm	1,028,382	55.2
Total	1,860,421	100.0

Education. The following table shows the median school years completed for persons 25 years of age and older. The differences between white and non-white and between rural and urban are apparent.

	<u>White</u>	<u>Non-White</u>
The State	8.8	8.4
Urban	10.8	8.8
Rural Farm	8.4	7.4
Rural Non-Farm	8.5	7.9

Occupation and Income. The mining industry provided jobs for over 20 per cent of the persons employed in 1960. Manufacturing was the second largest employer of the workers. Wholesale and retail traders and agriculture were next. Nearly 70 per cent of the non-white non-farm workers earned their living through mining, while only about 40 per cent of the white non-farm workers engaged in mining.

The following table gives the median income of certain groups.

	<u>White</u>	<u>Non-White</u>
The State	\$ 4,042	\$ 2,025
Urban	4,902	1,962
Rural Farm	2,568	2,143
Rural Non-Farm	3,544	- - -

Population Changes. The following table gives the population by ten-year intervals through 1960 as prepared by the Bureau of the Census. As these data indicate, there has been a decrease in population during this period. The 1964 figure is an estimate, which shows a decrease also.

1900	958,800
1910	1,221,119
1920	1,463,701
1930	1,729,205
1940	1,901,974
1950	2,005,552
1960	1,860,421
*1964 (Estimate)	1,824,000

*"Provisional Estimates of the Population of West Virginia counties, July 1, 1964," Morgantown: West Virginia University Agricultural Station, Current Report 44 (September 1965).

CHAPTER III

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE TRENDS

The West Virginia Conference is an exceptional conference, in geographical and numerical size, in inclusiveness of its varied interests, and in quality of its lay and ministerial leadership.

The West Virginia Conference has 592 pastoral charges, 342 ministerial members, 250 approved supply pastors, and according to the 1967 Conference Journal, 200,202 lay members in 1,567 local churches.

The salaries of the pastors in West Virginia continue to rise. In 1960 the total paid to the pastors of the West Virginia Conference was \$2,022,540. The total for the past year was \$2,496,524, or an increase of \$68,302. The average cash salary as defined by the Discipline of the Methodist Church for the year 1966-67 was \$5,804.

The amount paid on World Service and Conference Benevolences for the year ending in 1960 was \$420,842. The total for the year ending 1967 was \$595,642, or an increase of \$174,800.

The total paid for all purposes in 1960 was \$8,291,576. The amount paid in 1967 was \$9,875,357, or an increase of \$1,593,781.

These and many other trends can be found in the tables that follow.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL FULL MEMBERSHIP	210136	206584	199169	197816	201285	200972	198324	198974	197916
RECEIVED THIS YEAR ON PROFESSION OF FAITH OR RESTORED	8459	6812	6798	7066	6173	6282	5823	4830	5090
RECEIVED BY TRANSFER FROM OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES	3553	3190	2759	3569	7249	2992	3008	2846	2683
RECEIVED FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS	1085	968	918	943	909	956	912	833	894
REMOVED BY TRANSFER TO OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES	4244	4090	3742	4295	3393	3435	3985	3227	3177
REMOVED BY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE ACTION OR WITHDRAWN	7839	6863	8676	5187	3969	3650	4812	3362	3195

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
REMOVED BY TRANSFER TO OTHER DENOMI- NATIONS	1327	1230	1161	1188	1122	1095	1124	1038	1034
REMOVED BY DEATH	2197	2339	2396	2261	2378	2363	2470	2605	2419
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (S)							81881	82789	81819
INFANTS PRESENTED BY PARENTS FOR BAPTISM	2820	2732	2545	2383	2394	2303	2411	1960	1810
ALL OTHERS: CHILDREN YOUTH, ADULTS	5523	4115	3977	4453	3858	3800	3426	3144	3310
PREPARATORY MEMBERS CHILDREN UNDER (16)	19068	19050	19005	21093	21815	21730	21480	22053	22138

CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERS JOINING THE CHURCH ON PRO-FESSION OF FAITH	5017	3936	3596	4039	3534	3844	3515	3032	3184
NUMBER OF CLASSES OR GROUPS IN CHURCH SCHOOL	1482	1446	1428	1436	1430	1454	1418	1401	1437
NUMBER OF CLASSES OR GROUPS USING APPROVED METHODIST LESSON MATERIAL	1029	999	7692	6815	7219	7222	7467	7471	7239
CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING FOR WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES	157191	158287	147886	146939	138662	142212	149942	137082	139112
TOTAL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS	15404	15235	15105	15741	16167	16119	15787	15473	14806
CHILDREN (0-11) IN ENTIRE CHURCH SCHOOL	50996	49195	49899	49641	49350	47686	44129	42077	40348

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
NURSERY HOME MEMBERS	7129	7134	5117	4896	4860	4369	2881	2388	2069
YOUTH (12-21) IN ENTIRE CHURCH SCHOOL	37200	36524	37091	36312	37050	35835	33652	32960	30046
YOUTH HOME AND EXTENSION MEMBERS			1913	2339	1482	1543	1116	1141	899
TOTAL CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP	177985	174503	164028	161945	162863	159543	156341	150628	143200
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES)	100156	97014	93781	96710	95819	93881	90654	86739	83297
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE METHODIST SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP (ALL AGES)	7055	6979	9451	9875	9670	9043	13020	11778	12199

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF CHILDREN	5165	5202	6435	6383	6263	6780	6464	6500	6846
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE MYF SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS	12818	13074	12622	12764	12611	12182	11447	11636	10547
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ADULTS CHURCH SCHOOL MEETINGS OTHER THAN L.S.	5968	6876	8009	8018	8916	7951	9254	9110	9695
NUMBER OF CHURCH SCHOOLS ON CHARGE	1482	1446	1428	1436	1430	1454	1418	1401	1437
METHODIST PUPILS AND CONSTITUENTS IN VACATION CHURCH	43762	43963	42286	42719	42304	40468	39252	39122	36500
TOTAL ADULT HOME MEMBERS	5441	6236	4786	5154	4423	4843	3206	3170	2957

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL ADULTS (AGE 24 YEARS AND OVER)	61815	60179	61933	60251	60296	59903	55570	53419	52075

PROPERTY AND ASSETS

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS	77183	97974	56291	41380	40189	51011	29344	32390	19105
TOTAL WORLD SERVICE GIFTS	8332	7535	10122	4186	3590	5513	3176	4185	2942
TOTAL APPORTIONED WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES	430886	431531	519725	520770	534578	531530	686782	692355	694373
TOTAL ACCEPTED WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES	423789	425126	484722	495911	506860	497878	636741	639935	645389
TOTAL WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES PAID	419545	420842	471408	470058	473710	472187	580518	590422	595644
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM ALL OTHER BENEVOLENCES	69876	111213	66448	81892	74344	52710	47604	76433	72941

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
ESTIMATE VALUE OF PARSONAGES, FURNI- TURE, AND LAND	46514668	49286451	51699070	55176780	58525294	60433375	64555188	66832912	69817877
ESTIMATE VALUE OF OTHER ASSETS (CASH, BONDS, OTHER PROP- ERTY, ETC.)	2729764	2409938	2103494	12939627	13638002	14889219	15441599	19947064	23602378
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS ON ALL ITEMS	2602489	3221035	3032353	6182767	6378194	8170068	3894201	8096911	11017645
PAID PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON OLD INDEBTEDNESS	726136	878346	873140	897766	105492	964297	1061573	1209805	1091204
PAID ON BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS (NOT INCLUDING LOANS MORTGAGES, ETC.)	2093797	1527872	1377271	1571170	1137229	1430143	1609921	1303174	1291630
PAID FOR CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON MATE- RIALS, SUPPLIES ADMINISTRATION, ETC.	341790	351269	338551	368049	370939	377089	423381	453672	447555

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
PAID OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES, ETC.	1540038	1708074	1678939	1726073	1829122	1875051	1872120	2002867	1933417
TOTAL ESTIMATE VALUE OF CHURCH BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND LAND	46514668	49286451	51699070	55176780	58525294	60433375	64555188	66832912	69817877
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM METHODIST YOUTH FUND	13713	12171	12118	11818	21856	21410	11617	10813	10063
TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND	9522	9482	13856	13388	13194	13693	17094	17392	17385
TOTAL JURISDICTIONAL, AREA CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND	23033	17960	25407	27132	61094	51838	28741	36142	16016
METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING	4133	4032	4249	3575	3379	3014	2320	2745	3066

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL RESERVED PENSION FUND APPORTIONED		433555	441938	453059	450431	520711	516356	520734	520467
TOTAL RESERVE D PENSION FUND PAID	352502	414810	404528	424153	432188	492637	490111	492780	494895
TOTAL APPORTIONED FOR INTERDENOMINA- TIONAL CO-OPERATION FUND	12026	13087	15349	15477	15588	16561	17094	17392	18668
TOTAL PAID INTO INTERDENOMINATIONAL FUND	11943	12561	14386	14147	13994	15115	15447	15538	16400
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING	53540	54733	130223	140813	140612	140383	222514	220453	226108
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM RACE RELATION DAY OFFERING	4487	3661	3883	4277	3959	3269	3537	2965	3032

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR TELEVISION MINISTRY FUND	7905	7976	7392	7393	7057	7198	6958	7174	6997
TOTAL MINIMUM SAL-ARY FUND APPORTIONED	32387	33533	35000	35080	17568	33723	40063	40697	40547
TOTAL MINIMUM SAL-ARY FUND PAID	31185	32125	33269	33300	17702	31853	38527	39521	38794
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE OFFERING	14033	14344	10322	11248	11696	11550	10715	12558	11665
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING	11405	10264	8711	8594	7359	8175	6987	7478	8251
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM SPECIAL GIFTS FOR CHILDRENS HOME	5166	6375	23826	10356	14093	11602	6256	7539	7638

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL INSURANCE FUND	29364	30880	47500	54984	70909	72615	73836	83044	82993
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR FAITH IN ACTION AND SEMINARY FUND	143944	133767	344082	392968	359477	325322	160398	54914	
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR MINISTERS PENSION FUND	28460	29874	30633	30260	30463	42160	37174	41150	
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY	7377	5806	5332	5782	6005	5348	4131	4983	4296
HOME FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND AGED	5166	6375	23826	10356	14093	11602	6256	7539	7638
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING	29331	26329	29257	28359	30047	29921	26125	23174	27343

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL SALARIES PAID PASTORS	1699934	1734916	1921298	2009431	2158187	2225614	2200284	2308782	2371812
TOTAL SALARIES PAID ASSOCIATES	36498	37975	51076	50952	65967	66719	84763	122395	124412
TOTAL EXPENSE FUND PAID PASTORS AND ASSOCIATES	203197	249559	187745	163277	158130	155484	130538	126113	135779
TOTAL FUNDS APPOR- TIONED DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS	107822	109628	150800	150745	153211	149279	154589	157092	178211
TOTAL FUNDS PAID DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS	106102	107754	141012	150745	143966	143540	146573	149201	168783
TOTAL FUNDS APPOR- TIONED EPISCOPAL FUND	33231	33759	35000	34915	35818	34735	43554	44062	44043

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIALS							29887	84801	39133
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR HOSPITAL INSURANCE		8373							
TOTAL FOR BUILDERS CLUB CONFERENCE SPECIAL							24291	58490	45136
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR CAP. EXP. V. SEM. W. FD.			3314	3125	2439	853	1080	566	2113
METHODIST CENTER INFORMATION									17644
TOTAL SALARY CLAIM FOR PASTOR AND ASSOCIATES (S)	2014581	1775324	1931483	2036772	2188978	2243485	224251	2317902	2387752

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
TOTAL FUNDS PAID INTO EPISCOPAL FUND	32564	33015	33285	33043	33064	33109	41247	41423	41555
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR STUDENT WORK			31233	30851	31762	46026	77156	78970	76967
TOTAL FINANCES RECEIVED BY CON- FERENCES	8297559	8291576	8539426	8969912	8953788	9319483	9802827	9990530	9875357

WOMANS SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, METHODIST MEN, AND OTHERS

YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDING WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS)	34771	34170	32032	32066	31959	31679	31071	30420	29701
AMOUNT PAID FOR LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WORK	385283	389705	372947	367593	357852	360115	373177	353349	371945
NUMBER OF "TO- GETHER" SUBSCRIP- TIONS	19045	18563	16982	14654	13056	12861	14479	14777	13536
NUMBER OF ORGANIZED CHURCHES	1502	1412	1525	1522	1533	1544	1468	1514	1501
MEMBERSHIP FOR METHODIST MEN'S CLUB	8268	8193	7922	7999	7406	7344	6709	6309	5466
TOTAL CASE SENT TO DISTRICT AND CON- FERENCE TREASURERS BY W.S.C.S., & W.S.G.	197796	201038	200394	206690	206081	208753	22085	232022	227817

CHAPTER IV

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND TRENDS

The West Virginia Conference is composed of eleven districts. They are as follows: (1) Beckley, (2) Bluefield, (3) Buckhannon, (4) Charleston, (5) Fairmont, (6) Huntington, (7) Lewisburg, (8) Parkersburg, (9) Romney* (10) Weston, (11) Wheeling.

This chapter of the study will provide information in regard to each district. In the tables that follow, you will find material reflecting information on membership statistics, church school membership statistics, property and assets, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men, and other district organizations.

*Note: The Romney District has a few churches which are located in Western Maryland.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	13599	13456	12127	12126	11488	11613	11584	11197	11228
Bluefield	16009	15054	13834	13917	13849	13359	13242	13606	13755
Buckhannon	24452	24318	24192	24160	23820	23366	22496	21954	21735
Charleston	20907	20877	20926	21085	21289	21387	21083	21533	21311
Fairmont	28160	27013	26476	26800	27901	28229	28134	28502	28384
Huntington	22383	22158	21565	20873	20842	20730	19812	19845	19972
Lewisburg	14858	14430	12959	12755	12633	12499	12178	12602	12684
Parkersburg	18433	18520	18694	18705	18909	19327	19412	19614	19677
Romney	17128	16512	16630	16665	16626	16464	16466	16410	15983
Weston	17232	17031	14823	13670	13516	13430	13191	12971	12573
Wheeling	17392	17215	16943	17060	20412	20568	20726	20740	20514
Total	210136	206584	199169	197816	201285	200972	198324	198974	197816

RECEIVED ON PROFESSION OF FAITH AND RESTORED

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	801	422	456	530	516	497	466	326	298
Bluefield	713	687	745	663	406	374	409	318	510
Buckhannon	873	628	597	676	496	563	605	493	523
Charleston	955	859	748	927	747	774	754	504	535
Fairmont	1223	893	879	981	734	872	808	607	605
Huntington	855	807	810	620	619	631	513	494	543
Lewisburg	635	478	441	402	520	383	355	319	304
Parkersburg	678	674	755	676	654	728	446	469	455
Romney	593	389	455	544	441	376	482	398	392
Weston	531	462	343	422	301	345	271	295	318
Wheeling	602	513	569	625	739	739	714	607	607
Total	8459	6812	6798	7066	6173	6282	5823	4830	5090

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER FROM OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	178	235	175	114	114	239	155	177	107
Bluefield	403	304	287	259	202	227	251	286	241
Buckhannon	375	294	269	349	322	318	320	381	296
Charleston	458	495	451	476	521	438	476	435	405
Fairmont	397	329	382	427	369	384	346	345	330
Huntington	540	419	255	344	333	331	420	314	276
Lewisburg	164	167	155	157	161	133	121	92	138
Parkersburg	448	376	321	403	266	345	310	256	296
Romney	183	168	132	639	137	175	173	181	191
Weston	149	143	95	75	128	99	85	88	118
Wheeling	258	260	237	326	4696	303	351	291	285
Total	3553	3190	2759	3569	7249	2992	3008	2846	2683

RECEIVED FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	61	71	57	43	25	64	42	58	34
Bluefield	79	60	90	64	44	44	48	38	56
Buckhannon	98	80	96	100	86	97	99	101	92
Charleston	202	157	145	179	166	163	181	128	126
Fairmont	69	82	55	90	81	89	99	93	108
Huntington	141	135	135	127	147	145	112	123	137
Lewisburg	44	40	55	43	67	44	40	42	62
Parkersburg	123	119	89	85	79	114	98	80	108
Romney	71	83	58	70	55	53	79	57	54
Weston	38	34	33	32	20	22	18	24	20
Wheeling	159	107	105	110	139	121	96	89	97
Total	1085	968	918	943	909	956	912	833	894

REMOVED BY TRANSFER TO OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	250	337	238	240	194	243	202	238	173
Bluefield	553	424	466	392	320	344	425	299	269
Buckhannon	373	426	278	401	355	351	564	353	400
Charleston	671	552	477	570	503	471	528	453	441
Fairmont	578	415	489	489	462	426	518	376	261
Huntington	353	489	399	462	418	429	564	376	268
Lewisburg	213	255	286	215	230	166	177	181	171
Parkersburg	327	313	328	304	244	307	313	246	261
Romney	250	318	209	719	175	233	228	236	251
Weston	336	224	268	225	109	146	128	177	176
Wheeling	310	337	304	278	383	319	340	352	379
Total	4244	4090	3742	4295	3393	3435	3985	3227	3177

REMOVED BY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE ACTION OR WITHDRAWN

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	937	356	1061	154	561	245	278	490	52
Bluefield	742	1043	1499	227	160	579	145	345	160
Buckhannon	527	543	295	359	448	665	920	468	321
Charleston	1421	593	558	547	432	426	842	326	542
Fairmont	1687	1558	955	292	113	88	182	204	130
Huntington	653	641	994	964	323	430	1011	379	209
Lewisburg	192	598	1469	362	691	292	446	35	52
Parkersburg	813	196	344	500	210	157	152	113	205
Romney	593	571	266	188	250	265	201	428	510
Weston	348	372	989	1172	292	204	301	226	446
Wheeling	926	392	446	373	489	301	251	348	437
Total	7839	6863	8676	5187	3969	3650	4812	3362	3195

REMOVED BY TRANSFER TO OTHER DENOMINATIONS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	71	81	82	83	91	75	78	53	44
Bluefield	120	59	77	90	89	78	89	110	74
Buckhannon	89	122	125	137	141	139	103	79	100
Charleston	353	154	180	180	107	134	111	143	122
Fairmont	134	128	132	98	112	130	182	128	130
Huntington	167	216	131	133	153	145	145	104	108
Lewisburg	68	76	98	81	72	64	59	47	59
Parkersburg	66	127	120	132	144	122	108	105	124
Romney	114	113	47	96	53	62	95	101	71
Weston	52	54	81	73	28	32	30	23	55
Wheeling	90	104	88	85	132	114	124	145	147
Total	1327	1230	1161	1188	1122	1095	1124	1038	1034

REMOVED BY DEATH

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	118	97	149	133	142	112	134	175	139
Bluefield	165	141	200	144	151	134	166	188	155
Buckhannon	264	287	282	260	300	277	355	346	309
Charleston	197	225	198	205	188	246	235	199	193
Fairmont	388	339	362	295	352	373	390	353	382
Huntington	220	240	269	224	236	215	243	229	244
Lewisburg	150	184	159	148	182	172	155	169	140
Parkersburg	181	189	203	217	197	183	196	189	206
Romney	155	194	217	212	174	170	208	300	232
Weston	158	220	170	215	194	208	154	187	177
Wheeling	201	223	187	208	262	273	232	270	252
Total	2197	2339	2396	2261	2378	2363	2470	2605	2419

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (S)

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	0	0	0	0	0	0	5081	5212	5261
Bluefield	0	0	0	0	0	0	5273	5593	5537
Buckhannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	8906	8744	8582
Charleston	0	0	0	0	0	0	8972	8893	8796
Fairmont	0	0	0	0	0	0	11285	11361	11254
Huntington	0	0	0	0	0	0	7999	7799	7951
Lewisburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	5716	6114	5804
Parkersburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	8115	8349	8302
Romney	0	0	0	0	0	0	7170	7232	7096
Weston	0	0	0	0	0	0	5916	6153	5895
Wheeling	0	0	0	0	0	0	7448	7339	7341
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	81881	82789	81819

INFANTS PRESENTED BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS FOR BAPTISM

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	123	130	141	98	94	93	93	86	89
Bluefield	170	156	136	123	167	113	111	78	80
Buckhannon	311	317	235	285	260	215	263	201	180
Charleston	366	374	347	360	318	287	270	238	188
Fairmont	422	359	329	352	335	352	389	293	289
Huntington	342	291	206	225	239	252	207	172	167
Lewisburg	159	135	117	103	116	108	92	115	101
Parkersburg	270	237	266	250	167	254	189	162	136
Romney	233	287	311	245	281	217	299	257	262
Weston	95	115	123	56	68	51	88	78	52
Wheeling	329	331	344	286	349	306	410	280	266
Total	2820	2732	2545	2383	2394	2303	2411	1960	1810

ALL OTHERS: CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS FOR BAPTISM

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	469	309	340	302	389	355	309	212	209
Bluefield	568	440	319	334	214	199	323	209	375
Buckhannon	603	377	370	443	383	384	308	271	309
Charleston	578	509	470	607	415	407	441	316	361
Fairmont	841	500	320	785	498	575	458	475	403
Huntington	571	485	422	401	396	401	342	354	388
Lewisburg	461	229	324	239	354	248	247	236	221
Parkersburg	452	463	481	512	397	441	227	344	346
Romney	288	246	233	246	217	173	226	224	204
Weston	370	309	271	206	234	259	147	251	208
Wheeling	322	248	427	378	361	358	398	256	289
Total	5523	4115	3977	4453	3858	3800	3426	3144	3310

PREPARATORY MEMBERS NOW ON ROLL (BAPTIZED CHILDREN UNDER 16)

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	812	916	109	1018	955	978	933	904	817
Bluefield	1317	1390	355	1355	1353	1202	1122	1175	1163
Buckhannon	2277	2653	2681	2712	2739	2666	2897	2707	2636
Charleston	2361	2361	2484	2677	2336	2574	2576	2535	2549
Fairmont	2180	2247	2369	2710	2725	2653	2551	2728	2744
Huntington	2040	2016	2276	2308	2422	2426	2426	2370	2532
Lewisburg	1185	1201	1168	1342	1284	1225	1192	1307	1356
Parkersburg	1501	1493	1555	1839	1640	1872	1790	1824	1875
Romney	1947	1861	1916	1980	2224	2224	2327	2503	2329
Weston	644	738	824	716	694	666	513	571	556
Wheeling	2398	2171	2268	2436	3443	3324	378	3429	3381
Total	19068	19050	19005	21093	21815	21730	21480	22053	22138

TOTAL CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	13410	13110	11851	11277	11154	10783	10860	10153	10009
Bluefield	13396	12708	12190	11661	10918	10566	9940	9385	8813
Buckhannon	19544	19181	17608	17499	17717	17390	16962	16117	15152
Charleston	21223	21119	19941	19694	19915	19269	19125	17764	17289
Fairmont	23159	22338	20957	20979	21183	20409	20247	19696	18783
Huntington	19665	19869	18822	18604	17774	17517	16410	16032	15920
Lewisburg	11086	10885	10600	10440	10637	10281	9972	15986	8883
Parkersburg	16769	16328	16225	16098	15808	15668	16310	15986	15120
Romney	13583	13163	12565	12724	12563	12636	12543	12825	11926
Weston	13171	13196	11310	11247	11254	11155	9952	10014	9041
Wheeling	12979	12606	11959	11772	13940	13869	14020	13211	12264
Total	177985	174503	164028	161945	162863	159543	156341	150628	143200

CHURCH SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 1959 - 1967

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	7996	7429	6633	6644	6796	6652	6350	5971	5879
Bluefield	8647	6904	6740	6581	6348	6215	5691	5650	5393
Buckhannon	10822	10634	10333	10858	10218	9881	9163	8728	8295
Charleston	11287	10784	10495	11105	11116	10878	10543	10081	9636
Fairmont	12675	12696	12098	12571	12332	12115	11711	11145	10748
Huntington	10501	10501	10599	10484	10285	9904	9515	9004	8768
Lewisburg	6571	6658	6130	6581	6438	6305	6781	5994	5883
Parkersburg	9053	9068	8812	9210	9241	9146	9036	9057	8683
Romney	8025	7903	7558	8280	7939	8063	7947	7978	7630
Weston	8102	7981	7765	7687	7645	7236	6656	6421	6152
Wheeling	6295	6456	6618	6438	7461	7486	7261	6710	6230
Total	100156	97014	93781	96710	95819	93881	90654	86739	83297

NUMBER OF CHURCH SCHOOLS ON CHARGE

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	115	116	98	107	112	111	108	107	107
Bluefield	78	80	84	79	78	82	76	84	83
Buckhannon	179	165	169	170	167	170	167	118	160
Charleston	89	88	86	90	92	95	94	96	96
Fairmont	184	187	186	188	202	198	199	199	201
Huntington	105	98	104	101	105	106	102	105	105
Lewisburg	139	138	138	132	127	121	123	128	129
Parkersburg	145	132	134	141	139	138	138	141	138
Romney	138	136	131	135	132	134	133	141	141
Weston	207	207	201	198	178	202	185	189	186
Wheeling	102	99	97	95	98	97	93	93	91
Total	1482	1446	1428	1436	1430	1454	1418	1401	1437

TOTAL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS AND LEADERS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1036	985	1023	1011	1023	1070	1043	1005	966
Bluefield	1094	1083	1030	1098	1096	1032	1043	1020	1002
Buckhannon	1789	1737	1707	1862	1854	1919	1914	1756	1590
Charleston	1525	1512	1524	1564	1598	1598	1607	1510	1486
Fairmont	1990	1965	2008	2098	2217	2183	2116	2145	2034
Huntington	1491	1577	1550	1696	1642	1648	1594	1576	1580
Lewisburg	1060	1045	1074	1134	1090	1047	1007	1026	986
Parkersburg	1452	1435	1461	1531	1589	1515	1607	1597	1518
Romney	1246	1211	1194	1241	1239	1254	1221	1282	1236
Weston	1575	1506	1364	1365	1487	1525	1326	1322	1220
Wheeling	1146	1179	1170	1141	1342	1328	1312	1234	1188
Total	15404	15235	15105	15741	16167	16119	15787	15473	14806

CHILDREN (0 - 11) YEARS IN ENTIRE CHURCH SCHOOL

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	4144	3938	3591	3413	3271	2990	2896	2726	2746
Bluefield	4136	3866	3739	3516	3219	2950	2564	2384	2318
Buckhannon	5347	5269	5024	4854	4841	4878	4409	4238	4068
Charleston	6806	6883	6610	6693	6370	6089	5731	5190	5178
Fairmont	6384	5917	6121	6190	6436	6112	5689	5448	5123
Huntington	5501	5439	5619	5627	5320	5057	4433	4472	4444
Lewisburg	2962	2918	2892	2789	2794	2694	2485	2307	2161
Parkersburg	4862	4663	5098	5171	4942	4975	5008	4847	4603
Romney	3413	3426	3857	3860	3786	3836	3604	3657	3343
Weston	3449	3276	2977	3141	3070	3057	2698	2434	2303
Wheeling	3992	3800	4371	4287	5301	5048	4612	4374	4061
Total	50996	49195	49899	49641	49350	47686	44192	42077	40348

YOUTH (12 - 21 YEARS) IN ENTIRE CHURCH SCHOOL

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	3101	3364	2896	2695	2775	2726	2588	2248	2131
Bluefield	2799	2776	2814	2594	2442	2393	2157	2174	1993
Buckhannon	3999	3928	3895	4206	4223	3999	3464	3518	3209
Charleston	4083	4138	4155	4166	4353	4209	4084	3917	3625
Fairmont	6384	5917	4985	4803	4727	4546	4330	4228	3820
Huntington	3844	3821	3966	3719	3771	3759	3380	3211	3255
Lewisburg	2341	2308	2516	2522	2589	2448	2189	2147	1904
Parkersburg	3187	3178	3424	3340	338	3320	3280	3246	2892
Romney	3128	2948	2950	3026	2982	2904	2924	2975	2651
Weston	3098	30004	2994	2765	2821	2617	2244	2234	1996
Wheeling	2618	2592	2496	2476	3029	2914	3012	3062	2570
Total	37200	36524	37091	36412	37050	35835	33652	32960	30046

ADULT (22 AND OLDER) IN ENTIRE CHURCH SCHOOL

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	4567	4348	4341	4158	4085	3997	3838	3701	3698
Bluefield	4766	4538	4607	4453	4161	4191	3897	3568	3362
Buckhannon	6938	6793	6982	6527	6799	6594	6453	5733	5613
Charleston	7624	7401	7652	7271	7594	7373	6766	6331	6324
Fairmont	7730	7348	7843	7888	7803	7568	7202	7105	7116
Huntington	7380	7414	7687	7562	7041	7052	6159	6004	6019
Lewisburg	4162	4065	4118	3995	4164	4092	3874	3605	3550
Parkersburg	6234	5870	6242	5956	5939	5858	5619	5572	5313
Romney	4592	4543	4564	4597	4556	4642	4224	4375	4205
Weston	3929	4178	3975	3976	3876	3956	3343	3604	3190
Wheeling	3893	3681	3922	3868	4278	4579	4195	3821	3685
Total	61815	60179	61933	60251	60296	59903	55570	53419	52075

CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERS JOINING THE CHURCH ON PROFESSION OF FAITH

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	449	272	250	285	266	259	230	175	196
Bluefield	505	361	318	323	208	175	247	193	279
Buckhannon	553	403	333	439	300	383	378	304	292
Charleston	602	586	411	566	397	488	455	354	433
Fairmont	686	446	479	623	438	554	472	343	410
Huntington	502	433	404	348	434	406	330	334	367
Lewisburg	342	291	281	194	296	213	262	232	203
Parkersburg	384	406	370	474	370	479	290	335	309
Romney	373	193	264	296	275	218	229	254	244
Weston	279	228	146	86	121	157	182	138	140
Wheeling	342	317	340	405	429	512	440	370	321
Total	5017	3936	3596	4039	3534	3844	3515	3032	3184

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE MYF SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1278	1151	867	755	848	830	889	795	791
Bluefield	1077	1044	927	840	875	913	800	862	774
Buckhannon	1434	1255	1334	1491	1477	1478	1229	1289	1153
Charleston	1338	1485	1509	1739	1476	1404	658	1405	1294
Fairmont	1668	1664	1878	1795	1610	1449	1509	1518	1392
Huntington	1066	1159	1193	1319	1321	1321	1433	1160	1160
Lewisburg	961	896	846	855	794	781	1232	735	634
Parkersburg	1358	1477	1291	1307	1427	1335	1170	1504	1170
Romney	725	927	947	1145	1140	1005	928	944	800
Weston	1030	1195	1130	831	624	803	658	695	685
Wheeling	883	821	700	687	1021	863	966	828	694
Total	12818	13074	12622	12764	12611	12182	11447	11636	10547

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT METHODIST SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP (ALL AGES)

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1225	510	594	382	818	211	1117	691	1215
Bluefield	608	321	685	306	241	485	807	681	566
Buckhannon	489	746	1060	1574	1057	1032	970	1160	1008
Charleston	1266	1242	1605	1794	2041	2001	2137	2038	2125
Fairmont	866	714	1074	1121	703	902	1155	1288	1157
Huntington	330	1179	1100	1430	1589	1164	2085	1413	1617
Lewisburg	0	100	312	261	156	234	818	557	550
Parkersburg	1051	856	1223	584	623	524	1665	1375	1821
Romney	344	462	700	638	912	636	596	584	780
Weston	629	541	583	1411	846	646	908	1252	859
Wheeling	227	308	515	276	684	1168	762	739	501
Total	7055	6979	9451	9875	9670	9043	13020	11778	12199

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT ADDITIONAL SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	453	466	399	711	434	369	586	550	534
Bluefield	531	498	698	337	387	493	379	255	181
Buckhannon	452	689	633	751	667	671	544	689	597
Charleston	909	899	915	1061	935	953	958	821	1126
Fairmont	387	454	597	814	788	540	507	486	616
Huntington	597	670	943	771	751	1043	1232	676	931
Lewisburg	146	136	252	183	231	237	160	256	143
Parkersburg	456	448	426	323	342	300	378	953	611
Romney	336	360	422	350	528	352	281	470	502
Weston	220	131	205	547	299	330	228	191	221
Wheeling	678	421	945	535	901	1492	1211	1153	1384
Total	5165	5202	6435	6383	6263	6780	6464	6500	6846

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ADULTS CHURCH SCHOOL MEETINGS OTHER THAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	439	510	139	290	401	418	776	595	516
Bluefield	413	425	683	379	451	448	605	515	450
Buckhannon	343	507	938	1077	903	569	855	1059	1086
Charleston	985	613	961	1304	1332	1103	1170	917	1155
Fairmont	1038	1339	1519	1697	1238	1113	1116	1132	1041
Huntington		968	1225	1223	1578	1283	1006	1134	1490
Lewisburg	143	145	340	301	445	477	565	360	399
Parkersburg	834	854	579	401	370	656	978	1198	1057
Romney	525	260	472	504	626	447	567	549	559
Weston	932	911	702	520	752	723	893	796	794
Wheeling	317	344	541	322	820	714	723	855	1148
Total	5968	6876	8009	8018	8916	7951	9254	9110	9695

NURSERY HOME MEMBERS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	232	246	205	408	327	146	117	96	98
Bluefield	269	178	196	165	194	167	63	58	27
Buckhannon	829	835	766	775	437	365	303	290	189
Charleston	783	891	498	623	540	619	389	234	210
Fairmont	1142	1164	792	610	667	598	347	272	208
Huntington	740	794	430	543	698	388	287	252	224
Lewisburg	302	288	173	184	144	169	160	123	79
Parkersburg	630	720	462	555	429	398	340	246	305
Romney	867	669	443	481	519	353	205	277	254
Weston	505	507	230	192	192	325	144	157	114
Wheeling	830	842	922	560	713	841	526	383	361
Total	7129	7134	5117	4896	4860	4369	2881	2388	2069

YOUTH HOME AND EXTENSION MEMBERS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	0	0	11	192	242	116	111	93	122
Bluefield	0	0	204	292	58	45	36	37	6
Buckhannon	0	0	480	438	128	125	139	231	196
Charleston	0	0	210	197	245	329	226	200	82
Fairmont	0	0	261	542	275	244	133	110	107
Huntington	0	0	92	172	177	227	99	68	53
Lewisburg	0	0	246	68	50	159	48	17	15
Parkersburg	0	0	112	142	36	83	179	144	411
Romney	0	0	69	96	54	47	64	69	97
Weston	0	0	243	120	85	47	38	73	36
Wheeling	0	0	205	80	132	121	43	99	74
Total	0	0	1913	2339	1482	1543	1116	1141	899

NUMBER OF CLASSES OR GROUPS USING APPROVED METHODIST LESSON MATERIAL

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	86	74	354	495	494	507	463	441	438
Bluefield	56	62	446	513	438	548	526	505	464
Buckhannon	132	131	1675	748	784	786	797	792	786
Charleston	75	75	758	758	782	783	822	812	799
Fairmont	126	110	881	934	1129	1088	1069	1054	1031
Huntington	81	62	571	653	699	660	712	677	671
Lewisburg	96	105	552	478	538	515	576	593	574
Parkersburg	86	82	674	675	724	706	689	776	660
Romney	103	102	709	553	560	637	643	651	649
Weston	113	124	466	410	406	377	500	513	520
Wheeling	75	72	606	598	665	615	670	657	647
Total	1029	999	7692	6815	7219	7222	7467	7471	7239

CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING FOR WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	12442	11026	10053	10601	10065	10074	9586	10044	12826
Bluefield	13125	21248	12201	10668	9080	9666	11178	9699	9857
Buckhannon	12584	11893	14115	13463	9950	9853	12435	9325	9755
Charleston	28509	22386	19538	21151	22999	20384	23385	21116	19386
Fairmont	14468	17509	14760	18881	13775	19043	21512	19922	20013
Huntington	22479	22168	23549	18967	17222	15562	15026	17452	17932
Lewisburg	10057	11560	9946	10054	10735	10528	9393	7544	9041
Parkersburg	11736	12189	14322	14747	15290	14012	16946	13360	12735
Romney	11567	10930	12797	10336	12137	13564	13472	12410	12384
Weston	7865	7545	6657	8297	5828	5930	7253	5606	4282
Wheeling	100380	9833	9948	9774	11581	13596	9756	10604	10901
Total	157191	158287	147886	146939	138662	142212	149942	137082	139112

METHODIST PUPILS AND CONSTITUENTS IN VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	4187	3649	3262	3062	3294	3016	2855	2911	2340
Bluefield	3708	3786	3222	3150	3022	2578	2317	2200	2084
Buckhannon	4689	4425	5031	5384	4466	4418	4442	4184	4249
Charleston	5934	5044	5103	4790	4891	4553	4464	4394	3714
Fairmont	6712	6516	5982	6008	6252	5870	5592	5723	5451
Huntington	4183	4205	3818	4422	4266	3959	3930	3954	3635
Lewisburg	1152	3838	3053	2856	2745	2748	2870	2715	3088
Parkersburg	4492	4741	4449	4457	4623	4510	3365	4300	2728
Romney	3563	2618	3152	3360	3457	3336	3225	3261	2728
Weston	2520	2638	2481	2285	1897	1713	1818	1905	1796
Wheeling	2422	2503	2713	2045	3691	3767	3374	3575	3376
Total	43762	43963	42286	42719	42304	40468	39252	39122	36500

ADULT HOME AND EXTENSION MEMBERS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	331	429	262	334	398	347	267	284	248
Bluefield	332	267	415	600	234	218	180	144	105
Buckhannon	642	619	809	526	366	369	280	351	287
Charleston	402	494	582	444	383	570	322	382	384
Fairmont	910	1177	823	735	679	758	430	388	375
Huntington	709	824	470	559	631	599	458	449	345
Lewisburg	259	261	246	283	190	328	209	220	188
Parkersburg	404	562	315	472	387	393	277	334	378
Romney	337	336	230	444	369	168	301	190	140
Weston	615	725	277	347	255	329	162	190	182
Wheeling	500	512	358	410	531	764	320	238	325
Total	5441	6236	4786	5154	4423	4843	3206	3170	2957

ESTIMATE VALUE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND LAND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	3092535	3183795	3201666	3295446	3373550	3398900	3819901	3470600	3453100
Bluefield	3355948	3764518	3854950	4064748	413951	4120362	4242971	4719155	4696455
Buckhannon	5764236	5840368	5839805	6890699	6862387	7165837	7380191	7530549	7877142
Charleston	835896	866596	8034015	8602954	9347006	9789866	10321253	10948566	12318077
Fairmont	5325625	5413615	5521899	5802383	5929233	6182505	6992234	7543790	7980705
Huntington	5488890	6508316	6825392	7430610	7773236	8154550	8534658	8681758	8717824
Lewisburg	2234069	2191209	2381159	2556723	2578640	2584161	2743258	2854970	3006750
Parkersburg	4418979	4525890	4885821	4964097	5122025	5464310	5895440	6176950	6409710
Romney	2950600	3105600	3256400	3492640	3708540	3796708	4007259	4222150	4399025
Weston	2155325	2186854	2349848	2303881	2406956	2366715	2850656	2418273	2509264
Wheeling	4775965	5201690	5548115	5972599	7309770	7409461	7767368	8266151	8449825
Total	46514668	49286451	51699070	55176780	58525294	60433375	6455188	66832912	69817877

ESTIMATED VALUE OF OTHER ASSETS (CASH BONDS, OTHER PROPERTY, ETC.)

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	63867	67344	77774	406543	396260	392225	52841	387715	393993
Bluefield	404092	93486	84634	16090	269622	417012	353758	546528	1945062
Buckhannon	316390	487631	392926	10388765	10509918	11321190	11331848	15479839	17870306
Charleston	439027	534904	380286	417742	449097	656771	660309	736786	491752
Fairmont	242241	206272	227179	254586	355903	322681	1728500	414927	401048
Huntington	526414	250227	243666	279363	463906	387951	289752	495921	532276
Lewisburg	51319	64308	84593	101967	103406	87070	128500	154448	154516
Parkersburg	312502	376030	277761	501552	327128	274581	292226	349336	370837
Romney	69547	85501	109815	175594	147114	216191	146464	338008	314110
Weston	47518	20559	42940	56592	387125	405863	102809	601054	717420
Wheeling	256847	223676	182371	196014	228523	407684	354592	442502	411058
Total	2729764	2409938	2103494	12939627	13638002	14889219	15441599	19947064	23602378

INDEBTEDNESS ON ESTIMATE VALUE ITEMS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	78180	140959	76050	231840	221437	198841	159035	124970	119435
Bluefield	287283	269734	267063	231838	204760	143176	159989	204887	1060535
Buckhannon	226556	224701	238807	3361761	3544549	5098348	430213	4458591	6760478
Charleston	467940	710431	566378	571720	505138	580198	514358	716775	1072589
Fairmont	197564	198008	178880	158952	144375	175865	486073	652968	701236
Huntington	303751	613644	668589	649956	551301	715422	619983	586073	698560
Lewisburg	54921	27508	24703	106481	75771	80812	81226	65100	56771
Parkersburg	410173	311749	379013	365893	355328	477639	433184	390818	362794
Romney	168279	172707	132552	122505	126234	145840	204981	188830	138471
Weston	43767	52486	59005	34700	56555	46140	43630	24205	35172
Wheeling	346075	499108	441313	347121	592746	507787	761529	683694	611604
Total	2602489	3221035	3032353	6182767	6378194	8170068	389420	8096911	11017645

PAID PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON OLD INDEBTEDNESS LOANS, MORTGAGES, ETC.

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	50108	19648	25058	27828	43170	52801	52327	49547	52877
Bluefield	66568	67681	100139	74479	94499	130353	64678	82614	93594
Buckhannon	46416	53672	73972	64378	194331	69457	110562	112838	89221
Charleston	196395	209880	103110	192137	179660	167982	197658	212338	171041
Fairmont	23196	48341	65709	53595	40290	55918	56744	134587	147531
Huntington	72195	97708	118624	135967	124790	157267	208171	214592	168356
Lewisburg	36237	24853	29764	25483	32935	32945	12499	32715	22581
Parkersburg	118128	137001	124502	108282	97025	98727	131318	120444	103307
Romney	39195	68450	51698	45443	55123	50367	68310	103477	55263
Weston	48723	27010	17274	16290	45135	18709	15752	19513	14415
Wheeling	28977	124102	163290	153884	147994	129771	120567	127140	173018
Total	726136	878346	873140	897766	105492	964297	1061573	1209805	1091204

PAID ON BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS (NOT INCLUDING LOANS, MORTGAGES, ETC.)

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	54585	41439	66747	94086	74025	80547	91996	62178	60473
Bluefield	97387	56560	35489	43227	80296	104495	91160	82080	87809
Buckhannon	153825	138260	142627	552982	190645	87975	209249	160484	150690
Charleston	114354	205865	256286	185715	125439	121735	194305	253929	161378
Fairmont	167805	123723	100167	134849	119527	201443	392734	185466	164048
Huntington	483385	412989	184389	116289	156097	320445	165357	177462	132099
Lewisburg	57134	35610	70500	61073	61844	90146	66635	48367	81488
Parkersburg	266352	115241	290521	170421	141112	176273	120364	126943	135729
Romney	199292	59432	57006	77552	70437	115740	86590	61624	66289
Weston	68868	50096	39791	31968	49103	28480	67883	44712	32101
Wheeling	430810	288657	133748	103008	68704	102864	123648	99929	219526
Total	2093797	1527872	1377271	1571170	1137229	1430143	1609921	1303174	1291630

PAID FOR CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	23957	25975	23622	25543	26252	24122	25256	26748	26733
Bluefield	34363	25807	29803	28019	26827	22751	30574	27519	30227
Buckhannon	37490	41728	35213	36082	35002	34367	41483	39309	39190
Charleston	51117	55701	48603	59763	56262	57728	58683	69322	62178
Fairmont	41073	39128	42983	45201	42432	44461	53674	63316	71156
Huntington	39890	45881	40649	40530	40144	48380	55916	58942	56830
Lewisburg	17373	19834	20349	20709	22063	21855	23062	26291	25807
Parkersburg	29338	31125	32591	33899	37462	41864	42706	45922	45025
Romney	23009	24801	23115	30744	27711	26815	32095	31870	30523
Weston	19994	17522	18681	20688	19220	18673	25363	25052	22800
Wheeling	24186	23767	22942	26969	37564	36073	34569	39381	37086
Total	341790	351269	338551	368049	370939	377089	423381	453672	447555

PAID OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES, ETC.

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	93863	105385	109867	93534	75061	85472	92500	86675	88786
Bluefield	132284	146927	149733	143097	153116	156120	147479	162156	146384
Buckhannon	147445	162611	151689	163513	165946	179003	194480	216560	217228
Charleston	291588	298766	324242	315304	332578	328853	342656	355778	330857
Fairmont	175020	196816	185265	201351	203534	218644	224035	240596	215593
Huntington	248658	288055	259460	262984	280960	285408	282261	280729	306001
Lewisburg	65719	65562	66701	66537	74762	65019	76785	80718	78643
Parkersburg	129872	153011	140313	172231	178001	187301	166794	199916	185951
Romney	81996	78388	83256	86472	88628	89748	185142	96735	84258
Weston	33625	40318	35337	44418	45934	43139	43134	46092	48932
Wheeling	139967	172235	173076	176632	230602	236344	219976	236912	230784
Total	1540038	1708074	1678939	1726073	1829122	1875051	1872120	2002867	1933417

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM METHODIST YOUTH FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1321	1138	962	801	795	902	786	905	517
Bluefield	1677	1296	1543	1464	1548	1448	1334	1287	1048
Buckhannon	1332	1210	1198	1249	1242	1436	993	973	874
Charleston	1528	1252	1365	953	1306	1141	1348	1262	1264
Fairmont	1237	1012	845	1097	890	1025	1062	1206	1022
Huntington	1624	1478	1498	1243	1729	1500	1433	1130	1122
Lewisburg	969	991	1014	964	1040	740	853	782	997
Parkersburg	1207	1148	1074	1240	1397	1439	1173	763	818
Romney	1132	1148	1406	1582	1650	1421	1437	1343	1286
Weston	538	468	311	434	449	512	372	320	238
Wheeling	1148	1030	902	791	810	842	826	842	877
Total	13713	12171	12118	11818	12856	12410	11617	10813	100063

TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	698	699	874	888	807	710	808	824	889
Bluefield	1033	938	1161	1119	1051	1051	1219	1338	1317
Buckhannon	884	869	1664	1416	1442	1403	1623	1578	2029
Charleston	1261	1288	1740	1721	1722	1763	2019	2058	2048
Fairmont	1005	1087	1653	1626	1618	1695	1841	1846	1850
Huntington	1320	1349	1810	1840	1785	1867	1978	2045	1958
Lewisburg	611	614	915	840	982	889	1042	1068	1085
Parkersburg	781	767	1179	1201	1089	1266	1288	1363	1477
Romney	662	655	1036	987	875	1138	1127	1139	1146
Weston	463	465	665	614	601	591	822	671	669
Wheeling	804	751	1159	1136	1222	1320	1680	1608	1548
Total	9522	9482	13856	13388	13194	13693	15447	15538	16016

TOTAL JURISDICTIONAL, AREA CONFERENCE, AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1391	756	858	820	2766	2846	1585	1656	2647
Bluefield	2250	1689	1651	1338	3559	3630	2723	3166	5245
Buckhannon	1861	1629	1499	1429	4679	3949	2691	3934	6789
Charleston	3279	1954	2004	2854	8937	5941	3560	4859	6770
Fairmont	2362	2759	2732	2642	6980	5593	3138	4268	5688
Huntington	4582	2674	4149	5815	8504	6838	3388	5288	17448
Lewisburg	1149	1072	1226	1422	4175	2845	1873	2266	3024
Parkersburg	2114	2889	5713	5245	8607	9188	2544	3213	8202
Romney	1162	716	1901	1655	4076	3389	219	2081	3857
Weston	1094	891	803	1031	2268	1694	1214	1516	2002
Wheeling	1789	931	2871	2881	6543	5925	4006	3895	6304
Total	23033	17960	25407	27132	61094	51838		28741	67976

METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	261	315	333	244	155	150	89	64	182
Bluefield	380	231	447	333	388	277	132	227	300
Buckhannon	401	484	386	299	356	275	229	311	200
Charleston	601	627	632	557	317	381	242	267	371
Fairmont	399	280	515	516	387	392	296	227	488
Huntington	661	477	471	432	403	442	211	251	228
Lewisburg	345	286	294	168	258	228	334	507	331
Parkersburg	282	428	369	221	294	201	166	199	259
Romney	235	387	199	231	210	168	175	206	246
Weston	94	195	178	106	190	164	233	171	195
Wheeling	474	322	425	468	421	336	209	315	266
Total	4133	4032	4249	3575	3379	3014	2320	2745	3066

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR TELEVISION MINISTRY

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	552	578	470	481	447	386	389	383	404
Bluefield	749	777	612	603	567	556	608	667	569
Buckhannon	737	723	809	766	748	975	779	722	741
Charleston	1071	1065	946	935	984	955	902	952	934
Fairmont	789	855	866	925	900	827	793	844	853
Huntington	1206	1250	1027	1023	974	967	939	930	951
Lewisburg	497	471	496	504	521	450	452	481	492
Parkersburg	653	703	689	670	588	640	558	665	618
Romney	632	593	552	555	470	515	512	498	463
Weston	354	362	355	347	310	304	283	341	302
Wheeling	665	599	570	584	548	623	743	691	670
Total	7905	7976	7392	7393	7057	7198	6958	7174	6997

TOTAL MINIMUM SALARY FUND APPORTIONED

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	2501	2548	2068	2464	1146	1058	2430	2430	2421
Bluefield	2791	3147	3524	2962	1361	2702	3186	3541	3482
Buckhannon	3198	3250	3571	3704	1618	3701	4226	4186	4150
Charleston	4031	4129	4279	4206	3739	4318	4909	5075	5051
Fairmont	3356	3566	4106	4096	1805	4482	4878	5046	5046
Huntington	4143	4303	4578	4584	1954	4472	4900	4954	4954
Lewisburg	2440	2418	2338	2364	1047	2150	2488	2550	2553
Parkersburg	2940	3021	2945	2082	1292	3188	3625	3648	3627
Romney	2483	2522	2543	2564	1193	2572	2911	2934	2936
Weston	1843	1862	1914	2210	894	1740	2172	2134	2127
Wheeling	2661	2767	2944	2944	1519	3340	4338	4199	14200
Total	32387	33533	35000	35080	17568	33723	40063	40697	40547

TOTAL MINIMUM SALARY FUND PAID

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	2127	2340	2039	2208	1026	1032	2142	2161	2267
Bluefield	2823	2713	2872	2857	1467	2321	2952	3231	3394
Buckhannon	3138	3319	3544	3526	1642	3397	4405	3846	3987
Charleston	4009	4056	4262	4130	3713	4288	4830	5010	4851
Fairmont	2853	3157	3887	3940	1947	4190	4641	4729	4792
Huntington	4025	4056	4477	4414	1984	4314	4691	4736	4700
Lewisburg	2344	2325	2279	2252	1045	2129	2461	2538	2528
Parkersburg	2406	2444	2917	2927	1192	3002	3510	3465	3419
Romney	2869	2932	2467	2431	1304	2403	2815	3543	2861
Weston	1948	2053	1674	1765	884	1500	1884	1853	1849
Wheeling	2642	2730	2851	2850	1498	3277	4196	4134	4146
Total	31183	32125	33269	33300	17702	31853	38527	38521	38794

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE OFFERING

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1057	780	492	592	606	692	716	675	469
Bluefield	1564	1213	691	738	937	824	687	1041	1022
Buckhannon	1303	1589	954	1123	1204	1152	950	1223	1087
Charleston	1756	1387	1387	1416	1358	1572	1528	1796	1981
Fairmont	1646	1713	1197	1552	1300	1210	1013	135	1105
Huntington	1619	1872	1486	1580	1712	1625	1398	1811	1448
Lewisburg	756	1027	866	719	860	887	919	906	832
Parkersburg	947	1272	873	823	870	853	859	1034	1123
Romney	593	796	657	899	987	892	939	1060	962
Weston	658	681	514	294	395	318	417	470	420
Wheeling	1850	1854	1205	1492	1467	1525	1295	1519	1216
Total	14033	14344	10322	11248	11696	11550	10715	12885	11665

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	950	644	629	575	269	435	412	330	314
Bluefield	1258	971	506	783	610	638	520	693	677
Buckhannon	825	695	927	648	741	634	454	616	749
Charleston	1439	1372	1172	984	1129	1181	1071	966	1290
Fairmont	990	818	796	1061	683	945	744	742	759
Huntington	1495	1636	1361	1336	1073	1166	1119	1137	1382
Lewisburg	912	567	376	337	467	623	428	481	440
Parkersburg	833	849	877	1320	803	765	682	763	1003
Romney	593	522	454	462	335	525	462	509	561
Weston	487	412	403	301	238	334	259	277	268
Wheeling	1623	1778	1210	787	1011	929	836	934	808
Total	11405	10264	8711	8594	7359	8175	6987	7448	8251

METHODIST CENTER

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley									1591
Bluefield									2336
Buckhannon									2827
Charleston									3648
Fairmont									3243
Huntington									3964
Lewisburg									1925
Parkersburg									2557
Romney									1875
Weston									1124
Wheeling									2732
Total									27822

CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIALS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley								699	480
Bluefield								2291	287
Buckhannon								5712	4887
Charleston								2421	6946
Fairmont								4485	3351
Huntington								2225	9315
Lewisburg								2273	1637
Parkersburg								1924	1437
Romney								1361	1302
Weston								1284	2009
Wheeling								5212	4761
Total								29887	39133

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR HOSPITAL INSURANCE

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley		732							
Bluefield		594							
Buckhannon		827							
Charleston		864							
Fairmont		880							
Huntington		1072							
Lewisburg		621							
Parkersburg		837							
Romney		653							
Weston		588							
Wheeling		705							
Total		8373							

TOTAL FOR BUILDERS CLUB CONFERENCE SPECIAL

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley							1470	3369	2121
Bluefield							2198	5690	3887
Buckhannon							2192	5773	4584
Charleston							3554	12259	9328
Fairmont							1495	4872	3727
Huntington							5186	3856	2322
Lewisburg							1073	2250	2445
Parkersburg							2326	5444	4360
Romney							825	3048	2154
Weston							1045	3520	2835
Wheeling							2927	8409	7383
Total							24291	58490	45136

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR CAP. EXP. U. S. SEM. W. FD.

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley			21	40	69	15			
Bluefield			207	257	386	221	133		287
Buckhannon			916	1311	1210	240	300	3	60
Charleston			272	50	160	350	6	406	1039
Fairmont			70	297	100	23	124	25	435
Huntington			250	250	212				
Lewisburg				140	45		26		
Parkersburg			1568	60	135	4	420	50	75
Romney			10	370			25	57	7
Weston					102		46	25	138
Wheeling					20				72
Total			3314	3125	2439	853	1080	566	2113

METHODIST INFORMATION

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley									1031
Bluefield									1462
Buckhannon									1903
Charleston									2401
Fairmont									2175
Huntington									2338
Lewisburg									1231
Parkersburg									1586
Romney									1293
Weston									661
Wheeling									1563
Total									17644

TOTAL SALARY CLAIM FOR PASTORS AND ASSOCIATE (\$)

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	132061	134710	143684	154635	156456	155473	155061	161097	163750
Bluefield	142080	162580	167240	169892	173190	165070	170019	188641	194340
Buckhannon	184990	182032	184813	196487	212125	214069	220358	211070	215822
Charleston	203420	213851	229347	237806	250426	263904	252044	268398	276574
Fairmont	164044	183167	227656	244700	278053	288492	269234	286401	296763
Huntington	225051	220319	242820	254573	266027	271944	266754	270022	274546
Lewisburg	123012	124775	131538	140293	141257	144748	147658	160075	168750
Parkersburg	162587	162980	176317	189900	198273	205775	205526	216541	218937
Romney	130515	133432	149387	154377	162116	165169	185142	177762	188512
Weston	104160	114420	126817	132116	139183	145745	139002	145123	145800
Wheeling	138361	143058	151864	161993	211872	223096	231453	232772	243958
Total	2014581	1775324	1931483	2036772	2188978	2243485	2242251	2317902	2387752

TOTAL SALARIES PAID PASTORS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	131065	133300	140966	145423	152344	153592	154826	160241	163225
Bluefield	154613	161055	164600	168407	168595	166418	169075	188067	193092
Buckhannon	176471	177402	182599	191333	197282	204329	205787	290577	215619
Charleston	191587	201036	209180	218895	236690	244660	251221	267431	275769
Fairmont	162760	176828	219768	234455	251023	270931	267451	285392	296360
Huntington	208964	206261	232030	240307	251573	260007	265835	269423	273819
Lewisburg	122783	123908	129722	134820	140657	142983	146836	160259	168175
Parkersburg	160279	162468	170799	185122	192403	198180	205748	216235	219028
Romney	136990	133112	146194	150730	157864	161858	169400	176926	180158
Weston	116354	116488	124455	130033	135811	137937	139684	142610	144384
Wheeling	138068	143058	149909	158951	207978	218000	224418	232621	242183
Total	1699934	1734916	1870222	1958478	2092220	2158895	2200284	2308782	2371812

TOTAL SALARIES PAID ASSOCIATES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley		200		4100	3900		4500	4595	4500
Bluefield			1590	875		4350	5340	8688	11700
Buckhannon	8175	8648	4950	4700	13200	9200	9500	19400	25100
Charleston	12000	11850	18900	15785	14500	19200	20900	24520	26155
Fairmont	4271	7717	8256	9980	12357	11436	12994	16640	16590
Huntington	9305	8900	9500	8222	11300	11600	16765	25640	21860
Lewisburg			200				826	265	240
Parkersburg	2200		4725	4800	4800	4500	4500	8900	10000
Romney	547	510	220	2491	1800	1800	1800	4000	4000
Weston		150					938	938	
Wheeling			755		4110	4633	6700	6792	8657
Total	36498	37975	51076	50953	65967	66719	84763	119440	124712

TOTAL EXPENSE FUND PAID PASTORS AND ASSOCIATES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	22417	23518	17352	13105	10597	8010	10986	7239	8184
Bluefield	22157	25994	25371	23410	22397	24638	21766	20824	22530
Buckhannon	8464	10729	10719	9848	9215	7796	8225	7787	8518
Charleston	31530	36818	34239	31857	31523	31368	25515	23302	24163
Fairmont	33778	43410	15955	11143	15048	13785	13747	15020	13421
Huntington	26334	34839	25023	19009	18576	17651	12471	14564	13877
Lewisburg	7342	9175	8019	6151	5694	6686	4886	5394	5140
Parkersburg	13662	17872	175524	11731	12803	14797	9444	8629	14540
Romney	13590	15744	11316	11296	9601	9672	10553	9749	12342
Weston	5976	8819	5220	5226	2553	3611	3172	2379	2417
Wheeling	17929	22641	19861	20501	20123	17470	9773	11226	10647
Total	203197	249559	187745	163277	158130	155484	130538	126113	135779

TOTAL FUNDS APPORTIONED DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	8126	8283	9447	10557	10444	9806	9571	9571	10873
Bluefield	9925	10097	13204	13547	13619	11634	12363	13503	15740
Buckhannon	11538	11501	15340	15643	15643	15648	16396	16268	18385
Charleston	13226	13333	18013	18170	18286	18595	18990	19522	21922
Fairmont	10846	11378	17687	17697	18304	18304	18593	19111	21808
Huntington	13630	13656	19443	19663	19619	19302	19191	19251	21683
Lewisburg	7557	7661	10169	10180	10161	9266	9654	9897	11164
Parkersburg	9979	10123	12602	12648	12870	13665	14027	14107	15907
Romney	7951	8217	11123	11044	10967	10928	11297	11385	12862
Weston	6552	6485	8137	8923	8952	7656	8424	8183	9496
Wheeling	8942	8894	12673	12673	14346	14475	16083	16294	18371
Total	107822	109628	150800	150745	153211	149279	154589	157092	178211

TOTAL FUNDS PAID DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	7569	7441	9093	9491	9272	9371	8902	8824	9858
Bluefield	9861	9812	11520	11878	11484	10653	11289	12473	15017
Buckhannon	11144	11545	14924	14610	14781	14705	15433	15080	17220
Charleston	13199	13242	17908	17805	18132	18453	18509	18767	20822
Fairmont	10724	11324	17007	17097	17533	17907	17829	18296	20609
Huntington	13117	13356	19148	19077	19000	18725	18218	18512	20641
Lewisburg	7460	7584	9642	9647	10020	9219	9578	9834	11048
Parkersburg	9854	9988	12440	12167	12627	13137	13655	13396	15012
Romney	7827	7965	10861	10457	10549	10605	10828	10957	12457
Weston	6786	6777	6969	7080	6946	6435	6881	7092	8030
Wheeling	8561	8720	11500	11073	13622	14330	15456	15970	18069
Total	106102	107754	141012	150745	143966	143540	146573	149201	168783

TOTAL FUNDS APPORTIONED EPISCOPAL FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	2501	2550	2199	2467	2478	2279	2691	2691	2691
Bluefield	2967	3108	2759	2945	3125	2702	3465	3713	3695
Buckhannon	3588	3538	3618	3642	3642	3681	4603	4563	4526
Charleston	4067	4071	4223	4223	4238	4361	5330	5429	5429
Fairmont	3327	3509	4065	4099	4246	4246	5289	5411	5429
Huntington	4165	4260	4587	4584	4991	4472	5441	5405	5448
Lewisburg	2323	2357	2338	2364	2364	2149	2703	2790	2771
Parkersburg	24602	40534	2939	2972	2989	3188	3945	3971	3971
Romney	27084	32813	2560	2564	2546	2573	3158	3190	3192
Weston	2075	1990	1898	2100	2105	1743	2374	2331	2325
Wheeling	20942	35414	2985	2955	3114	3341	4555	4568	4566
Total	33231	33759	35000	34915	35818	34735	43554	44062	44043

TOTAL FUNDS PAID INTO EPISCOPAL FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	2292	2298	2120	2233	2198	2178	2421	2426	2385
Bluefield	3052	3021	2767	2781	2639	2436	3180	3418	3555
Buckhannon	3425	3541	3499	3488	3424	3495	4290	4171	4324
Charleston	4035	4048	4218	4118	4165	403	5235	5155	5146
Fairmont	3299	3484	3971	3949	4054	4083	5012	5122	5166
Huntington	4046	4096	4438	4446	4394	4330	5113	5206	5105
Lewisburg	2301	2335	2271	2255	2339	2027	2668	2776	2721
Parkersburg	3036	3091	2908	2936	2683	3061	3822	3655	3715
Romney	2379	2431	2485	2458	2470	2442	3076	3065	3092
Weston	2093	2012	1744	1563	1705	1475	2021	1949	1886
Wheeling	2606	2658	2864	2816	2992	3279	4409	4480	4460
Total	32564	33015	33285	33043	33064	33109	41247	41423	41555

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR STUDENT WORK

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley			1954	2159	2053	1742	3970	3709	4009
Bluefield			2488	2156	2552	3545	6653	7091	6057
Buckhannon			3529	3296	3097	3594	8330	8339	8603
Charleston			4192	4011	4732	6494	10148	10639	10418
Fairmont			3923	3873	4331	5065	8938	9432	9345
Huntington			4376	4249	4203	7130	10961	11739	10331
Lewisburg			1884	2026	2276	3251	5178	5803	5824
Parkersburg			2935	2935	2595	4203	6027	6559	6955
Romney			2330	2176	2127	3659	5901	5329	5520
Weston			1232	1412	1302	2075	3014	3069	3236
Wheeling			2558	2558	2494	4268	8036	7241	6669
Total			31233	30851	31762	46026	77156	78970	76967

TOTAL FINANCES RECEIVED BY CONFERENCES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	494337	471383	536382	549508	525860	537169	576360	537643	543092
Bluefield	663764	661098	688388	678935	739706	799362	734844	782447	798763
Buckhannon	744539	759018	822190	1243067	1023802	820316	1017926	1010580	990759
Charleston	1106995	1248490	1263737	1302474	1287469	1289949	1424638	1559994	1381176
Fairmont	776131	824068	887712	963604	945281	1084684	1300083	1234606	1217988
Huntington	1328022	1357190	1173493	1142964	1204878	1419990	1342197	1387339	1314191
Lewisburg	432333	417657	473661	464419	488804	512759	507088	513251	543773
Parkersburg	861046	778877	964864	878630	854131	921573	901187	941173	928380
Romney	606228	508597	529030	559139	562962	614607	611120	661447	600416
Weston	355328	336520	340822	348324	391368	347301	394692	388458	374432
Wheeling	928896	928678	858873	838844	929527	971775	992692	1014742	1182387
Total	8297559	8291576	8539426	8969912	8953788	9319483	9802827	9990530	9875357

TOTAL GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	3585	5568	1442	499	902	1587	468	998	758
Bluefield	5956	9998	4337	943	2356	3156	1168	1616	990
Buckhannon	7005	5414	3553	7143	2231	3873	1303	474	251
Charleston	11711	14431	12091	10005	14323	15559	12506	16228	7074
Fairmont	3578	9732	5522	2515	2944	3946	949	1348	1384
Huntington	8918	14493	13443	7922	8597	8049	6662	6891	4543
Lewisburg	13855	7077	2321	1209	847	2341	648	684	930
Parkersburg	2154	5112	3166	1743	889	1531	965	588	452
Romney	6449	7976	1777	1957	1437	2612	762	735	325
Weston	355	3089	1235	538	204	840	469	562	391
Wheeling	10617	15084	7404	6906	5459	7517	3444	2266	2007
Total	77183	97974	56291	41380	40189	51011	29344	32390	19105

TOTAL WORLD SERVICE GIFTS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	660	1662	750	875	729	693	803	959	1167
Bluefield	793	780	502	1076	264	418	268	278	97
Buckhannon	488	271	2488	771	409	400	5	449	10
Charleston	2219	1834	1485	396	1053	1607	525	559	323
Fairmont	244	246	2259	13	248	100	178	345	212
Huntington	1664	847	685	149	189	839	20	115	89
Lewisburg	319	156	235	25	148	200	287	256	195
Parkersburg	1600	2535	670	45	101	438	436	252	637
Romney	118	1	40	290		140	42	199	51
Weston	77	153	120	85	35	541	87	211	31
Wheeling	150	50	888	461	414	137	525	562	130
Total	8332	7535	10122	4186	3590	5513	3176	4185	2942

TOTAL APPORTIONED WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	32575	32650	32895	36782	26634	33351	40435	40445	40495
Bluefield	39367	39347	43863	47067	46611	46855	55042	56762	56761
Buckhannon	39333	38556	50869	53862	54077	54097	72854	71330	71539
Charleston	57545	58041	63123	63219	63538	63446	84483	85846	86109
Fairmont	47708	47759	60659	59837	62643	62643	83485	84811	85147
Huntington	60285	59821	67657	67708	67807	67735	84674	85524	85525
Lewisburg	30404	30509	34993	35084	35097	34721	42984	44053	44086
Parkersburg	35629	36959	44193	44946	44955	44996	62358	62741	64178
Romney	30299	31013	37967	38055	37723	38467	50301	50733	50754
Weston	20652	20202	26875	30622	30260	29874	38056	37561	37230
Wheeling	37089	36674	43410	43588	55233	55347	72110	72549	72549
Total	430886	431531	519725	520770	534578	531530	686782	692355	694373

TOTAL ACCEPTED WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	32125	32200	30662	35600	35013	32635	37832	36365	36400
Bluefield	39067	39416	41367	41825	40404	39897	47942	48303	50785
Buckhannon	38487	38587	47021	46779	49830	48929	66199	65275	64530
Charleston	57620	57821	63121	62724	62554	62626	79871	82914	81874
Fairmont	45134	45267	58435	59314	62643	61596	81407	82513	83860
Huntington	60285	60321	68947	68400	67357	64343	81699	81462	83224
Lewisburg	30469	30569	32365	32292	31477	31269	39673	40035	42351
Parkersburg	34642	35067	42462	43445	43725	44010	60116	52226	56253
Romney	31177	30637	36910	38231	37575	36854	44394	45624	44763
Weston	17486	18697	22325	25650	25758	25213	32507	31548	29742
Wheeling	37288	36544	41107	41651	50524	50506	65101	68670	71607
Total	423789	425126	484722	495911	506860	497878	636741	639935	645389

TOTAL WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES PAID

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	29858	29855	31101	31394	31127	31164	35241	33027	32737
Bluefield	39814	38502	37038	35734	36867	35455	44351	44298	46458
Buckhannon	37644	37454	48429	46472	46292	47130	58482	58306	58546
Charleston	57625	58943	62658	62186	61288	61531	76496	79123	79761
Fairmont	45001	45387	57801	57531	59180	57563	72977	75059	78130
Huntington	60000	60399	66024	65808	66862	63795	78066	77809	78141
Lewisburg	29976	30036	30566	30225	30561	30046	37935	38693	39888
Parkersburg	34158	34280	39240	41140	40419	40741	53025	50565	49690
Romney	28527	29967	35691	35740	34102	34606	40077	42547	42025
Weston	19741	19504	23061	23146	21952	21896	23987	26063	26062
Wheeling	37201	36515	39799	40674	45060	48260	59881	64932	64206
Total	419545	420842	471408	470058	473710	472187	580518	590422	595644

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM ALL OTHER BENEVOLENCES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	5092	5252	2701	4036	2193	2302	2318	4295	4910
Bluefield	5744	10555	7534	12222	10094	6446	5826	9456	6861
Buckhannon	9008	5930	5504	9525	4941	2254	2216	6033	4854
Charleston	5223	7242	6526	10837	13866	9973	8194	13344	10705
Fairmont	5230	7227	7291	8154	8629	3096	3802	5143	6675
Huntington	18859	28230	16329	14587	14641	9979	10291	11279	12630
Lewisburg	3598	18450	3437	3785	4028	4538	3381	3340	3714
Parkersburg	5047	15804	4697	5942	4585	4638	2877	6672	7237
Romney	4170	4193	4993	4367	2566	2238	1996	7165	3017
Weston	1164	2110	3407	2902	2479	1527	1137	2551	3450
Wheeling	6741	6220	4029	5535	6322	5719	5566	7155	8888
Total	69876	111213	66448	81892	74344	52710	47604	76433	72941

TOTAL INSURANCE FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	2237	2254	3591	3572	4586	4626	4524	5042	
Bluefield	2147	2539	3998	4255	5333	4865	5273	6894	
Buckhannon	3208	3259	4991	5464	8213	8751	7888	8609	
Charleston	3436	3699	5903	7162	8288	9706	9558	10333	
Fairmont	3038	3374	5114	6484	8409	8292	8816	9841	
Huntington	3689	3941	6468	7709	9526	9477	9125	10501	
Lewisburg	2157	2217	3514	3473	5085	4601	4814	5598	
Parkersburg	2985	2992	4282	5173	6153	6711	6995	7537	
Romney	2277	2436	3517	4085	5154	5236	5576	6114	
Weston	1615	1634	2183	2654	3356	3062	3406	4293	
Wheeling	2575	2535	3939	4953	6806	7288	7861	8282	
Total	29364	30880	47590	54984	70909	72615	73836	83044	

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR FAITH IN ACTION AND SEMINARY FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	10995	8256	27912	27760	27244	18679	12463	2309	
Bluefield	11339	11596	23977	30109	29300	23503	13281	2778	
Buckhannon	12358	11416	37605	31934	36492	35121	10910	1117	
Charleston	19423	18825	33706	43174	51961	49907	27188	15309	
Fairmont	15200	14251	38104	60280	40284	35762	16667	5762	
Huntington	23236	22236	41182	58753	54834	49344	23416	15467	
Lewisburg	9880	8973	31272	32231	25931	25473	8654	1656	
Parkersburg	11990	11274	30440	31218	30915	27063	19562	3719	
Romney	9167	9684	22486	24308	17907	20109	7851	2434	
Weston	6096	6026	18271	14561	10409	12094	3684	1410	
Wheeling	14260	11230	39127	38638	34200	28267	16722	2953	
Total	143944	133767	344082	392968	359477	325322	160398	54914	

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR MINISTERS PENSION FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1610	1618	1609	1839	1681	2051	1981	2514	
Bluefield	1778	1509	2271	2428	2982	3335	3353	3945	
Buckhannon	3239	3062	2878	2677	2809	3330	3349	3801	
Charleston	3285	3351	4378	4317	3732	5244	5155	4723	
Fairmont	2447	3336	2676	3407	3047	4297	4677	5176	
Huntington	3483	4000	4109	4150	3460	4669	4224	3729	
Lewisburg	2185	2943	2172	2388	2889	3616	2909	2940	
Parkersburg	3113	2949	3738	3456	2984	3663	3455	3920	
Romney	2615	2308	2505	4367	2388	2404	2552	3543	
Weston	1899	1794	1799	1843	1362	5524	1538	2475	
Wheeling	2806	3004	2498	2468	3129	4027	3981	4384	
Total	28460	29874	30633	30260	30463	42160	37174	41150	

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	449	464	368	394	304	299	140	148	84
Bluefield	613	513	535	451	625	598	354	386	324
Buckhannon	531	557	639	498	430	456	381	556	609
Charleston	832	727	666	760	802	551	512	518	458
Fairmont	964	845	645	958	881	814	490	489	464
Huntington	1720	880	732	779	789	812	660	590	875
Lewisburg	387	284	300	324	386	313	310	437	206
Parkersburg	373	433	467	521	435	506	283	464	257
Romney	364	390	303	341	427	267	331	788	309
Weston	161	254	189	192	161	121	279	192	141
Wheeling	458	489	488	564	765	611	391	415	569
Total	7377	5806	5332	5782	6005	5348	4131	4983	4296

HOME FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND AGED

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	308	1850	14411	4408	1863	912	619	703	740
Bluefield	849	953	3598	1361	996	4689	1881	782	538
Buckhannon	902	450	337	958	636	989	535	1531	1092
Charleston	498	565	1030	527	570	376	553	670	407
Fairmont	209	433	889	421	212	832	356	836	598
Huntington	258	499	581	795	546	390	249	456	297
Lewisburg	222	461	425	526	720	485	495	388	735
Parkersburg	488	361	310	155	375	349	253	442	1084
Romney	909	248	1613	847	7493	1302	767	1192	1633
Weston	245	272	348	227	181	485	215	334	246
Wheeling	278	283	283	131	501	793	333	205	268
Total	5166	6375	23826	10356	14093	11602	6256	7539	7638

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	2259	1926	1785	2026	2228	1959	1791	1607	2143
Bluefield	3751	2814	3680	2705	3823	3695	3141	2616	3372
Buckhannon	3231	3077	2792	2707	2955	2774	2454	2187	2120
Charleston	2902	2626	3037	2665	3492	3731	3007	2483	3004
Fairmont	3573	3256	3454	3221	3430	3363	3273	3029	3358
Huntington	2629	2393	2741	2729	3009	3316	2769	2514	3234
Lewisburg	2203	1844	1918	2292	1966	2511	1346	1391	2313
Parkersburg	2430	2318	3238	3032	2692	2305	2367	1583	2060
Romney	2212	2054	2420	2936	2270	2076	2220	2527	1776
Weston	1966	1576	1601	1812	1596	1711	1598	1318	1673
Wheeling	2178	2443	2591	2234	2586	2480	2159	1919	229
Total	29331	26329	29257	28359	30047	29921	26125	23174	27343

TOTAL RESERVED PENSION FUND APPORTIONED

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	20010	33102	27199	31736	31088	28310	30910	30910	30913
Bluefield	23889	40398	33937	40389	40272	40418	41259	43023	43085
Buckhannon	28670	42671	40077	46606	46588	55682	54686	54268	53802
Charleston	32554	52187	51839	54397	54356	65197	28513	63990	64207
Fairmont		45548	51009	52854	55026	67459	63500	63974	63871
Huntington	4143	4303	57465	58711	58467	67231	63163	64112	64112
Lewisburg	18490	30669	28032	30432	30481	32104	64038	32918	32925
Parkersburg	24602	40534	37070	38211	38361	46205	32117	46994	46994
Romney	27084	32813	32294	32667	32452	38656	37705	38001	38028
Weston	16194	25535	18739	26177	18725	26678	46742	28155	28142
Wheeling	20942	35414	40079	40859	44617	52771	53725	54389	54388
Total		433555	441938	453059	450431	520711	516356	520734	520467

TOTAL RESERVED PENSION FUND PAID

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	17943	28455	25609	27179	26763	27361	29056	28533	28516
Bluefield	23905	35786	34742	37792	36631	38303	39422	40265	41124
Buckhannon	27291	43617	40861	41853	43688	51393	51104	49782	51162
Charleston	32063	50197	51634	53691	53493	63432	60997	60702	61910
Fairmont		45032	48309	50290	52017	64511	59958	61088	58651
Huntington	31716	51747	54688	56517	57455	64862	61479	61795	61196
Lewisburg	18030	29919	28027	29569	29484	31735	30677	32352	32376
Parkersburg	24281	38221	34344	37555	37787	44783	45873	44396	44651
Romney	26843	31584	30706	29398	30621	36284	36247	37254	37998
Weston	15887	25469	18375	20231	21250	18375	24286	23946	24090
Wheeling	20807	34783	37233	40078	42999	51598	51012	52667	53221
Total	352502	414810	404528	424153	432188	492637	490111	492780	494895

TOTAL APPORTIONED FOR INTERDENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	976	978	935	1089	1065	743	1122	1122	1123
Bluefield	1158	1259	1293	1384	1386	1293	1481	1501	1516
Buckhannon	1182	1070	1534	1611	1616	1617	1970	1954	1937
Charleston	1691	1721	1848	1907	1919	2124	2271	2284	2296
Fairmont	1250	1402	1790	1790	1855	2222	2263	2286	2288
Huntington	1674	1734	2019	2026	2030	2319	2259	2312	2305
Lewisburg	829	833	1003	1036	1029	1004	1150	1183	1183
Parkersburg	769	1567	1295	1292	1309	1513	1701	1713	1709
Romney	902	910	1117	1123	1098	1317	1353	1364	1365
Weston	542	548	768	925	925	839	1014	1005	993
Wheeling	1063	1065	1292	1292	1356	1570	1906	1952	1953
Total	12036	13087	15349	15477	15588	16561	18490	18676	18668

TOTAL PAID INTO INTERDENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION FUND

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	867	850	925	941	849	735	884	896	933
Bluefield	1252	1241	1218	1162	1085	1132	1326	1399	1367
Buckhannon	1174	1042	1530	1473	1498	1506	1753	1734	1756
Charleston	1678	1693	1846	1875	1898	1949	2130	2126	2144
Fairmont	1252	1394	1711	1705	1749	1863	1881	1912	1928
Huntington	1639	1695	1901	1938	1906	2208	2131	2187	2176
Lewisburg	823	778	982	935	974	937	1127	1152	1152
Parkersburg	757	1452	1256	1263	1243	1358	1360	1368	1433
Romney	846	873	1073	1017	964	1303	1193	1113	1214
Weston	600	576	725	637	647	649	683	693	723
Wheeling	1055	967	1219	1201	1179	1475	1754	1625	1574
Total	11943	12561	14386	14147	13994	15115	16222	16205	16400

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	3823	3476	8738	8626	8459	7580	11959	11360	12251
Bluefield	5896	5753	2967	10167	11582	10634	18856	15626	17503
Buckhannon	5270	4670	14591	14387	13540	14844	24683	25597	25722
Charleston	8536	8116	17953	19473	20276	19757	8887	29645	28115
Fairmont	4465	5907	17370	18519	18259	16538	26654	26600	27447
Huntington	6775	7496	19010	20077	20857	20840	32705	32203	31989
Lewisburg	3755	3812	8995	8393	9963	9576	16108	17201	17264
Parkersburg	4617	5045	12721	12611	12038	12476	19058	19596	19501
Romney	3872	3688	9809	10628	9590	10628	15165	14756	15937
Weston	2248	2590	5758	6470	5729	5630	28749	8904	9706
Wheeling	4303	4180	12311	11462	10319	11742	19690	18967	20673
Total	53540	54733	130223	140813	140612	140383	222514	220455	226108

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM RACE RELATION DAY OFFERING

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	237	235	291	218	166	144	138	138	103
Bluefield	429	367	378	294	424	385	404	340	256
Buckhannon	470	320	344	290	343	297	404	296	340
Charleston	492	395	406	475	562	320	351	286	310
Fairmont	503	368	530	429	510	443	406	341	385
Huntington	530	494	435	944	396	325	345	226	428
Lewisburg	417	305	211	433	254	276	269	366	219
Parkersburg	370	474	513	425	553	383	332	263	445
Romney	325	229	205	257	224	218	282	258	248
Weston	175	108	110	153	98	162	162	162	100
Wheeling	474	366	460	359	429	316	444	289	198
Total	4487	3661	3883	4277	3959	3269	3537	2965	3032

WOMAN'S SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	2228	2138	1940	2049	1963	1973	1762	1833	1730
Bluefield	2950	2992	2625	2608	2561	2592	2737	2444	2297
Buckhannon	3892	4081	4014	3883	4003	4010	3835	3562	3572
Charleston	4448	4244	4179	4080	3970	3795	3857	3860	3616
Fairmont	4784	4596	4156	4077	3844	4145	4189	4180	4208
Huntington	3842	3942	3657	3449	3491	3280	3418	3342	3369
Lewisburg	2184	2254	2097	2181	2289	2022	2098	2053	2022
Parkersburg	3177	3179	2873	2944	2983	2910	2860	2098	2624
Romney	3403	3045	3163	3060	2936	2985	2678	2797	2684
Weston	1515	1402	1072	1265	1222	1329	1386	1185	1059
Wheeling	2348	2296	2256	2370	2691	2688	2551	2466	2520
Total	34771	34170	32032	32066	31939	31679	31071	30420	29701

AMOUNT WOMAN'S SOCIETY PAID FOR LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WORK

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	31193	36413	26288	27895	1963	1973	28379	30225	27714
Bluefield	28002	29939	29420	29418	2567	2542	26539	28776	38566
Buckhannon	45249	51290	49969	44887	4003	4010	53502	38595	44760
Charleston	53378	54720	53611	49213	3970	3795	53937	39920	45538
Fairmont	45832	46308	42755	43214	3844	4145	48754	62990	56621
Huntington	44773	44511	37884	40574	3491	3280	34358	28271	30241
Lewisburg	17320	17625	16351	19464	2289	2022	19396	19585	21400
Parkersburg	32825	34244	30920	36511	2983	2910	30033	32007	32017
Romney	32828	29057	30789	29571	2936	2985	25428	21080	22050
Weston	15859	11246	12887	14254	1222	1329	15863	12112	15195
Wheeling	38024	34352	42073	32612	2691	2688	36988	39788	37843
Total	385283	389785	372947	367593	31959	31679	373177	353349	371945

NUMBER OF "TOGETHER" SUBSCRIPTIONS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	1308	1510	1451	815	713	590	872	895	607
Bluefield	963	900	814	869	682	612	726	792	633
Buckhannon	2318	2320	2751	2792	1978	1891	965	2102	1967
Charleston	1464	1485	1390	1397	1445	1417	1350	1390	1250
Fairmont	1932	1854	1659	1065	1181	1195	1343	1378	1240
Huntington	3393	3103	2591	2235	2202	2351	2216	2459	2245
Lewisburg	925	1384	1354	1374	920	1161	385	1250	1337
Parkersburg	1823	2079	1678	899	809	831	1715	1360	1327
Romney	2324	1676	1160	1038	841	863	1103	1181	1139
Weston	1059	658	545	713	1480	767	695	711	718
Wheeling	1536	1594	1589	1497	805	1162	1287	1259	1173
Total	19045	18563	16982	14654	13056	12861	14479	14777	13536

NUMBER OF ORGANIZED CHURCHES

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	111	118	112	112	114	115	111	109	111
Bluefield	84	80	79	81	81	84	82	88	86
Buckhannon	177	155	178	179	174	177	178	172	167
Charleston	89	88	88	93	94	96	94	98	98
Fairmont	119	153	192	191	204	201	202	205	203
Huntington	109	106	110	108	109	109	108	110	107
Lewisburg	146	141	150	145	143	147	134	144	142
Parkersburg	147	139	145	146	146	148	147	146	145
Romney	150	141	150	151	147	151	147	156	155
Weston	207	191	221	219	222	216	189	192	191
Wheeling	103	99	100	97	99	100	94	94	96
Total	1502	1412	1525	1522	1533	1544	1486	1514	1501

MEMBERSHIP IN METHODIST MEN'S CLUB

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	556	637	687	622	537	510	490	384	327
Bluefield	536	669	656	636	498	582	649	614	542
Buckhannon	1328	1321	1324	1155	1038	990	894	874	593
Charleston	1382	1509	1365	1263	1178	1224	1205	1043	849
Fairmont	911	815	799	1055	907	916	853	804	742
Huntington	1255	1081	1063	965	952	971	912	843	883
Lewisburg	566	491	480	476	468	485	385	420	328
Parkersburg	612	577	473	507	488	458	362	462	398
Romney	421	434	437	658	565	487	514	442	377
Weston	251	234	212	215	184	145	96	70	59
Wheeling	407	425	429	447	591	578	349	353	338
Total	8268	8193	7922	7999	7406	7344	6709	6309	5466

TOTAL CASH SENT TO DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE TREASURERS

District	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Beckley	13240	12476	11965	11588	10954	12072	13065	13579	12597
Bluefield	27478	30913	28423	30395	24426	26023	25729	25200	28050
Buckhannon	19833	18998	20030	20918	19138	19816	22262	20689	20985
Charleston	24324	24615	25760	26839	28558	27958	31539	32051	30123
Fairmont	21576	19968	20472	20528	20548	22691	25742	28380	28277
Huntington	29395	29291	30999	31096	32397	31418	32841	36008	32565
Lewisburg	13858	13567	12768	12664	13585	13189	13226	14421	13859
Parkersburg	15200	15005	14311	16120	16474	15227	16641	16893	17686
Romney	11163	13759	12749	11790	11602	11894	11301	15043	14112
Weston	6668	8460	8034	9303	8763	8733	7091	8770	9112
Wheeling	15061	13986	14883	15449	19636	19732	20648	20988	20451
Total	197796	201038	200394	206690	206081	208753	220085	232022	227817

CHAPTER V

AN AREA OF CRITICAL CONCERN

Methodism in West Virginia has many problems before it. It has been said, "No problem will be solved until it is recognized." The West Virginia Conference's specific problems--of ministerial recruitment, of leadership training, of better administration, of interboard cooperation, of lay participation (especially of men)--will have a better chance of being met satisfactorily because of this survey.

I would hope that this study could be used as a "springboard" for wiser and more effective churchmanship across the Conference.

As one studies the data presented in the foregoing pages, certain areas of concern are evident. The area that I feel is of primary importance is ministerial replacement.

A summary statement oriented toward this area is presented. It is expected that the reader will study the detailed data and reach additional conclusions.

This chapter of the study will present material relating to general Conference information, ministerial members on trial, ministerial members effective in full connection, and will conclude with a statement in regard to the replacement needs of the Conference.

Note: The data for this chapter of the study are taken from the Conference Journals.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

YEAR	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	TOTALS
Pastoral Charges	570	574	565	551	551	583	592	582	
Approved Supply Pastors	238	261	328	273	304	295	250	255	
Received on Trial	30	22	13	20	15	10	15	5	
Received into Full Connection	16	12	18	25	14	14	13	15	
Transferred In	5	7	10	1	1	19	7	13	
Transferred Out	10	13	11	8	9	7	5	2	
Received From Other Denominations	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	
Readmitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Discontinued	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	

Withdrawn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Expelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	7	12	13	10	5	10	11	15	83			
Women Under Appointment	11	11	10	8	9	7	7	9				
Retired Made Effective	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Retired Serving As Supply Pastors	8	6	14	14	11	9	14	9				
Located	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4			
Retired Active	14	6	5	11	9	7	7	8	67			
Local Preachers	196	143	131	125	118	98	108	110				
Retired Approved Supply Active	6	6	2	4	5	3	3	8	37			
TOTAL LOST	39	37	31	36	28	28	26	40	265			

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS ON TRAIL

Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	TOTALS
As Pastors	19	41	23	19	18	20	20	17	
Under Appointment	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	
Appointed To Attend School	41	25	39	31	28	26	28	19	
TOTAL	60	66	63	51	44	47	48	36	

EFFECTIVE IN FULL CONNECTION

YEAR	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	TOTALS
As Pastor and District Superintendents	259	227	259	272	278	285	296	289	
Under Special Appointment	30	35	36	33	37	39	40	53	
Appointed to Attend School	3	23	3	2	5	3	3	2	
On Sabbatical Leave	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	292	286	298	307	320	327	340	343	
Retired	156	149	144	144	146	148	137	135	
Supernumerary	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	
Total Ministerial Members	509	503	443	504	516	523	526	515	

Replacement Needs of the Conference. From the tables on pages 118-119 it can be concluded:

A. Number of terminating pastorates and special appointments

1. In the past eight years there has been a total of 83 or an average of 10.3 deaths annually among the active ministers of the West Virginia Conference.
2. A total of 70 or an average of 8.7 per year have transferred out of the Conference.
3. Eight ministers have terminated their Conference membership in one way or another (other than by death and transfer out).
4. Of the Conference membership, 104 have retired during the period or an average of 13 per year.
5. This makes a grand total of 255 or an average of 33.1 ministers per year during the past eight years whose pastoral ministry has terminated.

B. Number of replacements

1. A total of 127 or 15.8 average per year have been received into full membership in the Conference during the eight years under study.
2. Two have been received from other denominations and 1 has been readmitted into Conference membership--a total of 3 or an annual average of .37 per year.
3. There has been a total of 52 or an annual average of 6.5 transferred into the Conference.
4. The total number of charges has been increased from 570 to 582 so that there was a need for 12 more ministers in 1967-68 than in 1960-61.

5. This makes a total of 182 replacements or an average of 22.7 per year to fill 12 more charges. This is 10.4 less than the 33.1 needed annually for replacement. (The total replacement need was 265, as shown above, with 182 available or 83 less than needed.)
6. Part of this difference is taken up by the increase in the number of charges (570 to 582) and part of it in the number of charges supplied or to be supplied (238 in 1960 and 255 in 1967). During this period, the number of approved supplies has increased from 238 and had gone as high as 328 in 1962, but dropped back down to 255 in 1967.

The number of effective ministerial members of the Conference has changed considerably from year to year as shown by the table. ("Effective ministers" includes those on trial, under special appointment, retired, supernumerary, as well as pastors and district superintendents.)

Note: A study of pages 118-19 reveals there has been a total of 182 replacements or an average of 22.7 per year for the past eight years. It also reveals there has been a total of 265 retirements, deaths (of men in the pastorates), transfers out, etc. This is an average of 33.7 per year. Thus, the Conference has run behind 83 ministers for replacement during the past eight years (265 lost with 182 available for replacement).

Assuming that the number of charges remains constant, the Conference would need an annual average of 22.7 for replacement if the present ratio of charges (582) and active effective membership (343) is to be retained. This is an average of 10.4 less than has been available during the past eight years. If, however, the number of approved supplies (255) is to be reduced it will require additional persons for replacement. Moreover, new churches started will increase the number of charges.

How can this need be met?

If the West Virginia Conference is not to deteriorate into a second-rate Conference it will be necessary to step up the recruitment of young men for the ministry. To continue year after year having fewer well-trained and qualified ministers available for the pulpits of the Conference is, or should be, a matter of concern for laymen and ministers alike.

The Commission on Christian Vocations has primary responsibility for general emphasis to challenge youth to enter the ministry. It may wish to prepare a list of youth who decide, during a Conference Camp Program, to enter the ministry and keep in touch with them until their preparation has been completed.

All that the Commission can do will not get the work done, however, unless every minister in the Conference definitely does everything possible to encourage choice youth to enter the ministry and mission fields of the church. Moreover, this may involve matters of concern for the laymen as well. This may involve the development of an attitude of appreciation for the ministry of the local church in the place of a critical one.

The Board of Ministerial Training may co-operate in the process by sponsoring scholarships for youth in seminary.

Note (continued): It would seem that the problem of replacement needs could be attacked on two fronts, namely:

1. A stepped up recruitment program, and
2. A reduction in the number of charges. This could be done by merging, abandoning, or the combining of more churches per charge.

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